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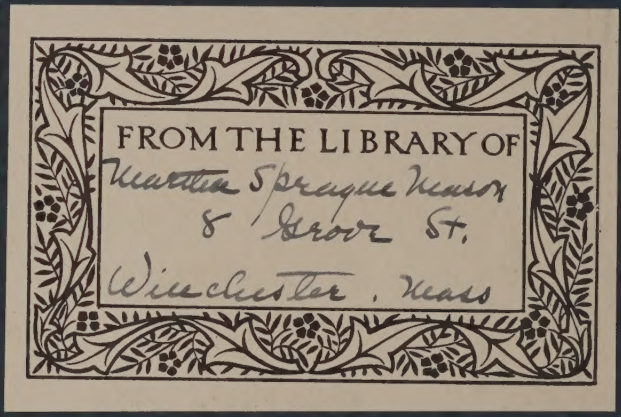
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Among the festivities planned by Mr. and Mrs. Phineas W. Sprague, of 199 Commonwealth avenue, for their débutante daughter, Miss Elizabeth Sprague, is a dance at Hotel Somerset on the evening of Dec. 1. 192...

Yesterday marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, who were married in the Harvard Church in Brookline. They had a dinner last evening, in their home for their children, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Shaw Sprague (Lucy Carnegie), Miss Elizabeth Sprague, Miss Sally Sprague and Gordon Sprague.

I have your letter of Feb. 11th and I am very glad to send you a copy of "The Sprague of Malden", which I trust you may find of interest.

Yours very truly,

P W Sprague

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Mr. and Mrs. Phineas W. Sprague with a gay family party are just arriving at Cumberland Island, the famous tropical Florida home of the Andrew Carnegies, 2d., for the preliminary festivities heralding the wedding of Miss Lucy Carnegie and Phineas Shaw Sprague, the date set for Saturday, March 15.

Delightful plans for the ceremonial are well under way, an al fresco arrangement out in the beautiful gardens that slope down to the water's edge of this fairylike island of the Carnegies. With Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are Miss Elizabeth and Miss Sally Sprague, who are to be bridal attendants, and Gordon Sprague will be in the usher squad. Also of this coterie are Edwin Bartlett, John Codman, John Monks, Loring Whitman and Albert Hinckley. Richard Bowditch is to be Mr. Sprague's best man.

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Time is a river deep and wide :
And while along its banks we stray,
We see our loved ones o'er its tide
Sail from our sight, away, away.

LUCY LARCOM.

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INTRODUCTION

THIS volume combines genealogical, biographical, historical and documentary information relating to the Spragues and their associates. It is subdivided into the Spragues of Dorsetshire in Old England and of Malden in New England. It is issued, as the outgrowth of researches commenced in 1913 under the direction of Emeline Winship Sprague, to preserve these records for future generations and to make them accessible to those who may care when all who are now living shall have joined the silent majority.

"Down the Naumkeag footpath came the Spragues" in 1629, over the happy hunting ground of Nanepashemet (The New Moon) which was later named for "one of the two ancientest towns in the county of Essex," England (see Morant's History and Antiquities of the County of Essex, England, I: 327). Its Saxon form Maeldune meaning Cross-hill was most appropriately transferred by Joseph Hills and his associates to the Cross-hill town of Massachusetts Bay in New England in 1649.

Here on Mystic Side dwelt the Spragues from the earliest times, ever identified with the civil, military and religious interests of the ancient town and modern city, with the ancient colony and the grand old Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Here may the name ever continue to stand for all that is best in church and state.

EXPLANATION

In this volume whenever a place is mentioned and no state is named, it is to be understood that the place is in Massachusetts. Other states are indicated by their abbreviations.

THE SPRAGUES
IN DORSETSHIRE OLD ENGLAND

ORIGIN OF ENGLISH SURNAMES

English surnames have been derived mainly from seven sources, viz. (1) from animals, as Fox, Lyon and Lamb; (2) from offices, as Sargent, Bishop and Priest; (3) from occupations, as John, the smith, later becoming with more frequent use John Smith, and John, the cooper, finally becoming John Cooper; (4) from the Welsh forms, as John ap (child of) Rice giving us John Price and John ap Owen becoming John Bowen; (5) from the Norman-Saxon forms, as Roger fils (son of) Gilbert became, in course of time, Roger Fitz Gilbert and John the son of William becoming John Williamson; (6) from place names, as William de Warren became William Warren, Roger de Montgomerie was contracted into Roger Montgomery, while William at-the-wood became William Atwood or William Wood and John at-the-hill gave us John Hill; and (7) from personal characteristics, as Long, Short, and Green.

The last mentioned source has furnished a great variety of these names, many of which are still found in New England after the lapse of two centuries. Among these may be listed a dozen of the common surnames, as Best, Bigg, Gross, Tallman, Lowe, Little, Small, White, Gray, Brown, Black, Clement, Savage, Gay, Grave, Sweet, Rich, Goode, Meane, Poor, Hardy, Strong, Swift and Wilde.

The Norman Conquest brought many persons into England with foreign names and with the coming of the Normans in 1066 commenced the use of English surnames. These names were derived from the same sources in their native tongue. By constant use from time immemorial these surnames became Anglicized. In some cases the changes were slight, in others radical, hiding the origin completely.

Whether we go back to the Normans, the Danes or the Saxons, we find that they blended their original racial characteristics into the English and that each had a common origin, viz. Gothic. From the shores of the Baltic they migrated to Scandinavia, to Jutland, to Sweden and Norway, to Denmark, to Normandy and to Britain.

These peoples variously called Scandinavians, Hollanders, Schleswig-Holsteiners, Dutch and Hanoverians cannot be styled Germans. In origin they were all Gothic. Thirty millions of the descendants of Saxon, Dane and Norman are now living within the dominions of Great Britain. (The Norman People, 1874, pp. 114 to 123.) They are the people who have won British achievement in later centuries.

The Teutonic race was undoubtedly of the same origin as the Gothic and Scandinavian. (Ibid., 117.) It consisted of a confederation of tribes under the ancient name of "Teutones" — a term which occurs in the fourth century B. C. Later the confederation was designated as Franks and in later times as Teutones or Dutch. Their lan-

guage is a harsh, guttural dialect of the original Gothic.

They moved westward from Poland, Brandenburgh, Mecklenburgh, Holstein, Schleswig, Hanover, Westphalia, Brunswick, Oldenburgh, Holland and Flanders. From these countries sprang the Goths that overthrew the Roman Empire and became the Anglo-Saxons of ancient Britain. With them they carried many Gothic names to Britain in the fifth century A. D.

ORIGIN OF THE SURNAME SPRAGUE

The surname *Sprague* is a foreign name Anglicized, its ancient form being *Sprak* or *Sprake*. In the Subsidy Roll for the county of Somerset appears the name William *Sprak* in the year 1327. (Kirby's Quest, 253.) The Subsidy for 1523, for the county of Dorset, mentions seven *Sprakes* and two *Sprackes* and the Subsidy for 1545 names five *Sprakes*. The Subsidy for 1558/9 first mentions the form *Sprague*. The parish register of Fordington in Dorsetshire shows that the parish clerk spelled the name *Sprage* in 1615 and 1623 and *Sprague* from 1624 to 1630 and *Sprake* in 1631 and 1633. Other variation found in the county of Dorset are *Sprak* in 1578, *Sprage* in 1511 and *Sprak* in the borough of Dorchester in 1421. This later gives the name of Philip Sprak, clerk (i. e. clergyman), of the borough of Dorchester, Dorsetshire in 1421. The parish registers of Sturminster Marshall, county of Dorset, show *Sprage* in 1582, *Spage* in 1585/6, *Spragge* in 1604 and

Spradge in 1608. In the parish of Thorncombe, Dorsetshire, the surname invariably appears as *Sprake* from 1565 to 1642. In the Beaminster register in 1593 the name appears as *Sprakes*. In the Powerstock register the name appears as *Spragge* in 1600, and in the Netherbury register it appears as *Spraige* in 1617.

The variants of Sprague found in ancient documents are *Spag*, *Spage*, *Sprack*, *Spracke*, *Spradge*, *Sprag*, *Sprage*, *Spragg*, *Spragge*, *Spraige*, *Sprak*, *Sprake*, *Sprakes*, *Spraug*, *Sprauge* and *Spreage*. The only one which is in use at the present time is Sprake. Sprague is the commonly accepted form in use in the twentieth century, especially in America.

These are all of the forms of the name that have been found in the literature of the subject.

The surname is restricted and rare in the parish registers of England between 1558 and 1650. Many parishes do not contain the name at all. The name is more numerous in the counties of Dorset and Somerset than elsewhere. Guppy in his *Homes of Family Names* published in 1890 estimates that in Dorsetshire of every 10,000 persons 31 are named Sprake or Sprague. There were so few in other counties that he did not attempt to estimate the number.

As to the origin and original meaning of the name five authors have written of it, viz. Arthur, Barber, Bardsley, Ferguson and Harrison. Arthur's work is known as The Entymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names published in 1857.

Ferguson's Surnames as a Science was published in 1883. Bardsley's Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames, 1901; Barber's British Family Names, 1903, and Harrison's Surnames of the United Kingdom, 1918. Mark Antony Lower in his Dictionary of Family Names of the United Kingdom, 1860, does not refer to this surname.

The five are in substantial agreement that *Sprack*, *Spragg*, *Sprague*, *Sprak* and *Sprake* are different forms of the same name and have a common origin.

Arthur says the surname is derived from the Dutch word *Spraak*; Barber derives the name from the Anglo-Saxon *Sperauc* (sparrow-hawk), or *spraeca* (speaker), or Norse *sprakr* (sprightly, active); Ferguson makes Sprack, Sprague, Spark and Sprigg come from the Old Norse *spraekr*, meaning smart or active; Bardsley inclines to the idea that these surnames are nick-names for "the spragg" — the quick, the nimble, the lively, the active. Harrison calls Spragg, Sprague and Sprake variants of *Sprack*, a Scandinavian word meaning lively, quick, brisk, alert. He asserts that *Sprack* was anciently derived from the Old Norse or Icelandic word *spraek-r* or *spark-r*, meaning sprightly.

Whichever interpretation we incline to accept the surname harks back to a pleasant personal characteristic, possessed by some person whose active personal trait bestowed upon his descendants a pleasing and prepossessing patronymic.

Whoever knows many Spragues today doubt-

less appreciates that liveliness, vivacity, spryness, are still most notable family traits in not a few members of the family.

THEIR ENGLISH HOME

Upway is a small village lying as its name implies in the uplands of the river Wey. It is situated at the foot of a steep hill called Ridgway Hill where the river rises. An ancient writer said, "The river Way riseth not four miles above Waymouth at Upway in the side of a great hill." This hill contains many barrows in sight of an ancient Roman road called *Via Iceniana*.

Rural communities in England change slowly, and Upway, with its church, its graveyard and its rambling street lined with picturesque stone cottages nestling among their flowering gardens below the wide bare downs that undulate beyond, doubtless remains in all essentials much the same as it was three centuries ago when the Spragues played in its street. Here stood until recent years Edward Sprague's fulling-mill towering picturesquely three stories high, near the adjacent low gambrel-roofed cottage where possibly his children were born. The mill was an ancient landmark in the village.

The parish is the source of the river Wey with which is connected a beautiful fountain from one of the largest springs to be found in England. The fountain is at the foot of Windbatch Hill and was anciently known as Sprague's Wishing

Well and more recently as the Wishing Well of Upway.

At the east end of the parish, stands the parish church, a little east of the manor house. It consists of an embattled, ivy-mantled square tower, crowned with pinnacles, containing four bells and a clock. It is of ancient Gothic architecture consisting of chancel, nave, and aisles, separated by piers and pointed arches. In the chancel is a stained window, the gift of the late George Gould of Fleet House. The church is dedicated to Saint Lawrence and the church-yard holds the remains of the progenitor of all of the name who ever lived in Charlestown and Malden in New England.

The parish sometimes appears to have been included in Uggscombe Hundred and at other times in Culliford Tree Hundred. The Subsidy Rolls for the years 1545, 1558/9, 1592/3, 1599, 1609/10 and 1628, contain no return of those then taxed in that parish. There are no Bishop's Transcripts of the early parish registers extant and the registers themselves do not commence until the year 1654 — many years too late to assist in tracing the ancestry of Edward Sprague.

It is apparent that Edward Sprague of Upway was born as early as 1576. His parents must have been born near 1550. The Subsidy Rolls show that in 1545 there were living in the Tithing of Phillyholme in Uggscombe Hundred five men of this surname. They were Nicholas Sprak, William Sprake, Sr., William Sprake, Jr., Robert Sprake and John Sprake, Jr.

Phillyholme, a tything in the parish of Hawkchurch, Uggscombe Hundred, is in the Bridport Division of Dorsetshire. The parish registers of Hawkchurch do not commence till 1663. The marriages are published in the Marriages of Dorsetshire Parish Registers, Vol. 2: 73. There is the marriage of one John Sprake in 1676, of Richard Sprake in 1682, and of one Mary Sprake in 1687. These facts indicate that a branch of this family were residing in Hawkchurch parish from 1545 to 1687.

The Subsidy Rolls make it apparent that one Nicholas Sprague was taxed in the same parish in 1558/9 and that Thomas Spacke was likewise assessed in that parish in 1592/3.

The list of wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury indicates that John Sprake died in this parish in 1561, that Nicholas Sprake died there in 1567 and that Richard Sprake died there in 1639. Were these related in any degree to Edward Sprague of Upway?

A COAT OF ARMS

In the *Ralph Sprague Genealogy* published in 1913 there appears on page 12, what purports to be the Sprague Coat of Arms. It is there claimed that the arms reproduced in colors were granted to Sir Hugh Sprague, Esq., of Gloucestershire, England, in the year 1580, by Sir William C. Clarencieux.

The Herald's College has no record of the abovesaid arms. The reproduction in the Gen-

ealogy is from the work of one John Coles, "Heraldic Artist" of Boston (1775 to 1813) who is known in the present day as a famous faker.

Burke's General Armory, however, gives a coat of arms to the name Spragg. It is described as "*Or, three rose leaves in pale vert between two palets azure a chief gules.* Crest: *A sword in pale proper on the point thereof, suspended, a crown of olive or.*"

The grant of arms to Sir Edward Spragge, Knt., by Sir E. Walker, garter, was made 30 Apr., 1668. His arms were: "*Gules a fess chequy or and azure between three fleurs-de-lis of the second.* Crest:—*From a naval coronet or, a demi-lion double queued gules, crowned of the first.*" (The Genealogist, vol. 26, p. 248.) These are undoubtedly authentic but the persons to whom they were granted were not the ancestors of the three sons of Edward Sprague who came to New England.

DOCUMENTARY

Lay Subsidies, Dorset, Dorchester Division

Hundred of Uggescumb [not sub-divided].

15 Apr. to 31 July [1523] 14 Henry VIII to 15 Henry VIII.

William Sprake sen^{r} in goods x £ tax v *s.*
Nicholas Sprake in goods C *s.* tax ii *s.* vi *d.*
Robert Sprake in goods iiij £ tax ij *s.*
Walter Sprake in goods LX *s.* tax xviij *d.*
John Sprake in goods XL *s.* tax xii d.
Robert Sprake in wages XX *s.* tax iiij *d.*
William Sprake jun^{r} in goods XL *s.* tax xij *d.*
William Spracke sen^{r} in goods iiij £ tax ij *s.*
William Spracke jun^{r} in goods XL *s.* tax xij *d.*

Hundred of Uggescumb: Tithing of Philyholme.

26 Oct., 37 Henry VIII [1545].
Nicholas Sprak in goods vij £ tax xiiij *d.*
William Sprake sen^{r} in goods C *s.* tax x *d.*
Robert Sprake in goods iiij £ tax iiij *d.*
John Sprake Jun^{r} in goods XL *s.* tax ij *d.*
William Sprake Jun^{r} in goods XX *s.* tax j *d.*

Hundred of Colysfodestre: Tithing of Upway.

26 Oct., 1545. No Sprague mentioned.

Manor of Fordington: Tithing of Fordington.

No Sprague or Warren mentioned.

Hundred of Uggescombe: Tithing of Phileholme.

23 Jan., 1 Elizabeth [1558/9] to 10 Feb., 2 Elizabeth [1558/9].
Nicholas Sprague in goods IX £ tax ix *s.*

Culliford Tree Hundred: Tithing of Upway.

No return for Upway.

Hundred of Uggescombe: Tithing of Phillihome.

35 Elizabeth [1592-3].
Tom. Spacke in goods iij £ tax viij *s.*

Culliford Tree Hundred: Tithing of Upway.

No return for Upway.

Hundred of Uggescombe and Culliford Tree Hundred.

39 Elizabeth 1599. No return for Upway.
19 Mar., 1 James I to 9 Feb., 7 James I [19 Mar., 1603/4 to 9 Feb., 1609/10].
No return for the Tithing of Upway.
4 Charles I, assessed 26 Oct., 1628.
No return for Upway.
4 Charles I, assessed 15 Dec., 1628.
No return for Upway.

An examination of every Subsidy for Dorsetshire, Dorchester Division, has been made from 19th James I (1621) to the 6th of Charles I (1630). For this period there are five Subsidies. These assessments were the 1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th and 5th Subsidies granted in the reign of Charles I. The first was granted in 3d of Charles I (1627), the second was granted the same year, and likewise the third; the fourth Subsidy was taken 15 Dec., 1628, and the fifth Subsidy was granted between 27 Mar., 1629, and 26 Mar., 1630. In each case the roll for the parish of Upway is not to be found in the Subsidy. The Subsidy for Fordington is given but it does not contain the name of Sprague.

We know from the parish register that Ralph Sprague lived in Fordington in 1623, 1624 and 1625. We do not know where he lived from 1626 to 1629.

The Subsidies do not contain the names of all males over 21 years as does a general tax list in the United States.

Calendar in the Archdeaconry Court of Dorset, 1568–1700.

Sprake, John of Little Windsor, 1662, — 26.
Sprake, John of Marshwood, 1667, — 21.
Sprage, William of Funtmill, 1677, — 28.
Spragg, Edith of Fontmell Magna, 1688, — 17.
Sprague, Mark of East Stower, 1684, — 41.

Calendar of the Peculiar Court of Wimborne Minster.

No Sprague wills nor administrations listed.

Calendar of the Peculiar Court of Great Canford and Poole.

No Sprague wills nor administrations.

Calendar of the Peculiar Court of Sturminster Marshall.

No Sprague wills listed.

Calendar of the Royal Peculiar Court of Corfe Castle.

No Spragues.

Calendar in the Archives of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of Bristol.

No Spragues listed.

Calendar of Dorset Wills in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1383 to 1700.

Sprake, John of Hawkchurch, 1561, 25 Loftes.
Sprake, Nicholas of Whadbroke, Hawkchurch, 1567, 11 Stonarde.
Sprake, William of Gemellshaye, Whitchurch, 1602, 30 Montague.
Sprague, Edward of Upway, 1614, 104 Lawe.
Sprake, Richard of Hawkechurch, 1639, 114 Harvey.
Sprake, William of Lyme, 1645, 84 Rivers.
Sprake, John of Toller Parcorum, 1670, 180 Penn.
Sprague, John of Fordington, 1698, 206 Lort.

Dorchester Division, County of Dorset.

This section of Dorsetshire includes over fifty parishes of which the borough of Dorchester is the centre. It likewise includes the parishes of Upway and Fordington St. George.

In 1641 Parliament required that the Protestation Oath should be taken by all British subjects throughout England. The oath required all male heads of families to swear to defend with life,

power and estate the Reformed Protestant Religion of the Church of England.

The Protestation Returns for the county of Dorset have been printed. Excepting the boroughs of Dorchester, Bridport and Lyme it is considered to be a fairly complete list of all males over eighteen years of those who took the oath.

The following are all of the surname Sprague living in the Dorchester Division of the county in 1641 or 1642, with the parish in which they resided:

William Spraker took the oath in the parish of Chilfrome.
William Sprage took the oath in the parish of Fordington and resided in Mille Strete.
George Sprake, John Sprake and Nicholas Sprake each took the oath in the parish of Hawkchurch.
Willy[am] Sprage took the oath in the parish of Osmington.
Edward Spragge took the oath in the parish of Upway.

Administration on Estate of Geoffrey Sprake of Lyme Regis.

24 July, 1590, commission was issued to Joan Sprake, relict of Geoffrey Sprake, late of Lyme Regis, county of Dorset, intestate deceased, to administer the goods, etc., of the deceased. (Peculiar Court of the Dean of Sarum, Reg. 5: f. 84.)

The Baptisms in the parish of Lyme Regis begin 1542, the Marriages in 1653 and the Burials in 1653. The parish register of Baptisms has not been searched for Spragues.

Administration of the Estate of Robert Sprake of Chardstock.

31 July, 1597, commission was issued to Dorothy Sprake, relict of Robert Sprake, late of Chardstock, deceased, to admin-

ister the goods, &c. of the said deceased. Inventory £3: 0: 2. (Peculiar Court of the Dean of Sarum, Reg. 6: f. 161.)

The Registers of the parish of Chardstock, Dorset, begin 1597. They have not been searched for this volume.

WILL OF THOMAS SPRAKE OF BEAMINSTER, 1622.

Thomas Sprake of Beaminster, county of Dorset, shoemaker, made his will, 12 Dec., 1622, and it was proved by his executrix, 28 May, 1623. To his unborn child he gave £20 and the residue to his wife (not named) and she to be executrix. Witnesses: William Tucker, Frances Tucker, and Richard Newman his mark. (Peculiar Court of the Dean of Sarum, Reg. 10: f. 157.)

The Bishop's Transcripts of the parish of Beaminster, county of Dorset, begin in 1585. The marriages have been published in Dorset Parish Register Marriages, 3: 1 to 12. From that record the following has been obtained:

Thomas Sprake and Alice Hallet, m. 25 May, 1606.
Thomas Sprake and Alice Champe, m. 20 June, 1621.

The executrix of the above will was evidently Alice (Champe) Sprake.

Administration on the estate of Thomas Edmonds of Lyme Regis, county of Dorset, was granted to Thomas Sprake and Joane Sprake alias Edmonds, his wife, sister of the deceased, 12 June, 1646. (Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, 3: 319.)

Administration on the estate of Giles Sprake of Whitchurch, county of Dorset, was granted to his brother John Sprake, 25 Mar., 1647. (Ibid., 4: 59.)

BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE 1577–1675.

SPRAGUE.

Richard Eames and Alice Sprage, mar. 5 June, 1615.
Ralph Sprage and Johane Warren mar. 15 Aug., 1623.
John, s. of Raphe Sprague, bapt. 23 May, 1624.
Jonathan, s. of Rafe Sprague, bapt. 27 Nov., 1625.
Christopher Sprague, bur. 31 Mar., 1625.
Elizabeth, d. of Edw. Sprague, bapt. 1 May, 1627.
Edward, s. of Edward Sprague, bapt. 1 Aug., 1630.
Elizabeth, d. of Edward Sprake, bur. 24 Sept., 1631.
William, s. of Edward Sprake, bapt. 28 July, 1633.

FORDINGTON IN THE BOROUGH OF DORCHESTER

Fordington, deriving its name from the ford over the river Frome, is a parish in the Union of Dorchester, Dorchester Division within the borough of Dorchester. The ancient parish church is a cruciform structure, partly of Norman and partly of English architecture. (Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of England, 2: 222.)

The parish church of Fordington was dedicated to St. George in 1405 (Dean Chandler's Register) and was anciently called the church of St. George in Dorchester. It is large and well built, and standing on rising ground, shows itself to much advantage at a great distance. It consists of a chancel, tiled (rebuilt 1750, by Mrs. Pitt, the impropriator), a body, transept or cross aisle and a north aisle to the chancel, all covered with lead and compass-roofed. The tower is 80 feet high, adorned with battlements and pinnacles and contains five bells and a clock.

Little remains of antiquity except the vestiges of a rude loft, near the chancel; and over the porch of the south door, rudely carved in stone the effigies of Saint George on horseback, armed with a lance, in combat; behind him are two figures kneeling, with hands uplifted. On the pulpit is this date 1592.

The Bishop's Transcripts of the ancient parish registers partially exist from 1577, but the parish register dates only from 1704. The living is a vicarage. (Kelly's Directory of Dorsetshire, 1880, p. 873.)

GENEALOGICAL

SPRAGUE

TRISTRAM SPRAGUE. Rev. Richard Grosvenor Bartelot, M. A., vicar of Fordington St. George, Dorchester, and editor of Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset, has furnished a pedigree of the Spragues of Fordington St. George.* According to this pedigree, Edward[1] Sprague of Upway was the son of TRISTRAM SPRAGUE, a fuller, of Fordington St. George who married in the parish of Puddletown (adjoining Fordington St. George) 26 June, 1575, ELIZABETH COLT. The pedigree shows that of this union there were two sons, Edward[1] who removed to Upway and William[1].

WILLIAM[1] SPRAGUE (*Tristram*) married at Owermoigne, Dorsetshire, 15 June, 1607, MARGARET JAGGARD. To them was born, 1614, Tristram[2] Sprague. This last named Tristram was also a fuller and called himself 74 on 12 Apr., 1688. (Chancery record.) He resided in the parish of Osmington, Dorsetshire, and was buried 15 Apr., 1694.

1 EDWARD[1] SPRAGUE of Upway, county of Dorset, England, was undoubtedly born near 1576 and died at Upway, near 6 June, 1614. He married CHRISTIAN ——, who married (2) John Cor-

* Received after this manuscript had gone to the printer.

bin of Upway. Probably she and certainly John Corbin were living at Upway, 25 Mar., 1651, apparently aged. John Corbin was an overseer of the parish church in Upway in 1641 and 1642. (Dorset Protestation Returns, 150.) Edward Sprague was by occupation a fuller and his fulling mill was a landmark in Upway for more than two and one half centuries.

Possibly Christian, the wife of Edward Sprague and of John Corbin, both of Upway, was a sister to John Holland of Tincleton, county of Dorset, or to his wife.

Children, born probably at Upway:

i. Alice,[2] eldest daughter, b. near 1597; m. at Fordington, one mile east of Dorchester, 5 June, 1615, Richard Eames. Administration on the estate of Richard Eames, late of Frampton, was granted to his widow Alice, 3 May, 1634. (P. P. C.) She was living at Pomberry Mills, near Dorchester, 8 Nov., 1638. (Dorsetshire Marriages, 4: 133, and Lechford's Note-Book, 36, 38.)
See Eames page 35.

2 ii. Ralph, eldest son, b. near 1599 (æ. 29, 20 June, 1628.)*

2a iii. Edward, second son, b. near 1601 (æ. 32, 15 Dec., 1633).*

3 iv. Richard, third son, b. near 1604 (æ. 24, 20 June, 1628).*

v. Christopher, fourth son, bur. at Fordington, 31 Mar., 1625.

4 vi. William, youngest son, b. near 1610.

THE WILL OF EDWARD SPRAGUE OF UPWAY, DORSET.

The VIth day of June in the year of our Lord God, 1614. In the name of God Amen, I Edward Sprague of Upway in the County of Dorset, fullere, being sick and weak of body, but well

* Pedigree furnished by Rev. Richard Grosvenor Bartelot, M. A., vicar of Fordington St. George.

and perfect in mind, thanks be given unto Almighty God, do ordain and appoint this my last will and testament to be made in manner and form following, That is to say first of all I do bequeath my soul to Almighty God my saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried within the churchyard.

As for such temporal goods as God hath blessed me withall, I give and bequeath as hereafter follows: viz. I give unto the parish Church of Upway ten shillings. Item — I give unto the poor of the said parish of Upway ten shillings. Item — I give unto Ralph Sprague my eldest son one of the oldest pair of sheares in my shop and one lesser pair called the quarrell. Item — I give and bequeath unto my oldest daughter Alice Sprague fifty pounds, to be paid within one year after my decease. Item — I give and bequeath unto Edward Sprague my second son, two pair of shears and twenty pounds to be paid likewise within one year after my decease. Item — I give and bequeath unto Richard Sprague my third son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be one and twenty years of age. Item — I give and bequeath unto Christopher Sprague my fourth son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and twenty yeares. Item — I give and bequeath unto William Sprague my youngest son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and twenty yeares. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give and bequeath unto Christian Sprague my wife whom I do make my whole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Memorandū, that if Richard Sprague, Christopher Sprague or William Sprague shall happen to die either of them before they shall be of the age of one and twenty years, that his legacy to be divided between the other two, or if two of them shall happen to die before they shall be of the age of one and twenty yeares, that then their legacies to remain to the other then living.

Finally, I do appoint Henry Samweys and Willã Bryar overseers of this my Will and Testament, in the presence of those whose names are underwritten.

John Bishoppe
John Taylor his mark.

Memorandū: that whereas the living of the aforesaid Edward

Sprague doth fall unto his son Ralph Sprague after his decease, the said Ralph doth upon his father's request promise that his mother Christian Sprague shall quietly enjoy the said living until he shall be one and twenty years of age.

Across the back of the will is written, "Made in Dorset county, England, and proved before the Arch Bishop of England, 13 Oct. 1614." (P. P. C. Lawe, 104. Printed in the Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, 3: 110, and in Water's Gleanings in England, 1016.)

Inventory

A true and perfect Inventory indented of all and singular the goods, rightes, chattels and dets of Edward Sprague late of Upway in the county of Dorset, fuller, deceased, made the sixth day of June, and apprized and valued by Thomas Levall, John Sellar, William Bryar and Francis George, as followeth, viz. 1614.

Imprimus, his wearing Apparell	£ iii	0 *s*
Item, a piece of Russet cloth	i	
Item, two beds furnished	iii.	
Item, one coverled and a carpet	i	
Item, ten pair of sheets, board cloths, with two pair of pillow byes and six table napkins	iiii.	
Item, thirteen silver spoons	ii	x
Item, one cupboard, nineteen pewter vessels, three candle sticks and three salts	ii	x
Item, four coffers, one chest, two chairs and a flasket		xvi
Item, a sword and dagger		vii
Item, two other beds furnished	ii	
Item, mill	i	x
Item, a sack of wheat and a sack of malt	i	x
Item, iron ropes, with other old iron	i	
Item, one willow, four old tubs with a bedlop		vi
Item, one table, board and cupboard		x
Item, five barrels, with other timber vessels	ii	
Item, two frying pans, one spit, two andrions, three pair of pot hooks with other kytchin stuff	0	x
Item, one and twenty brass vessels	viii	

Item, butter and cheese	i	vi
Item, a cheese press, a ladder tread, with other small implements	ii	
Item, four payer of fuller's shears with the shearbords and iron bar, beams, and scales and weights with other things at the mill	iiii	0
Item, three saddles		xv
Item, one pyge [pig]	i	
Item, seven kyne, with three yearlings	xx	
Item, one horse	iii	
Item, fourscore sheep and forty two lambs	40	
Item, four acres and a half of corn	viii	
Item, due unto the administratrix without specially	xvi	x
Item, due upon bond	131	vi
Suma totalissimus Inventory	£ cclviii	vi

(Sprague Genealogy, 1913, p. 15)

This inventory taken 6 June, 1614 — over three hundred years ago, illustrates the possessions of an English home at that time. We may reflect for a moment upon the things enumerated, viz.: "Russet cloth, table napkins, silver spoons, pewter vessels, candle sticks, coffers, sword and dagger, frying pans, spit, andrions, pot hooks, brass vessels, fuller's shears, shearbords, fulling mill, iron bar, beams, scales, weights, saddles, horse, kyne, sheep and lambs."

Such was Edward Sprague's property at Upway at his decease.

THE MANOR OF FORDINGTON.

WARREN

The manor of Fordington is one of the ancient manors of Dorsetshire. On 29th of Edward III (1354) Queen Isabel had a grant of a market on Tuesdays and a fair on the eve, day and morrow of St. George (23 April) in her manor of Fordington. On 6 John (1204), the King granted to Robert de novo Burgo eight librates—104 acres—of land in Fordington to be held by him and his heirs as the head of the barony and gave him ten solidates rent here. 14th Henry III (1228) the sheriff for Dorset rendered an account of £7 paid for Fordington and in the same year Henry III granted to Henry filius Nicholai the manor for life. On 28th Edward I (1300) Edmund, earl of Cornwall, held the manor, of the king in chief and the hamlet of Whitwell belonging thereto. After his death the manor and hamlet were allotted to Margaret, relict of John Chantmarle and sister to Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hereford. On 10th Edward II (1316) Hugh Audeleigh and Margaret his wife, sometime widow of Pierce Gaveston, had a grant of this manor. The said Margaret died seized of the premises 16th Edward III (1341). Generation by generation it passed to others. On 13th of Edward III (1338) the manor of Fordington and the hamlet of Whitwell were granted to Edward, another earl of Cornwall, and on 32d of Edward III (1357), Isabella, late Queen of England, the

King's mother, held the manor for the term of her life.

On 9 Richard II (1385), it was held by Joan, late Princess of Wales, and her son and heir Thomas Holland, earl of Kent, succeeded.

After 1385 it was frequently granted by the crown to many persons. In the last mentioned year it was granted to John Trevet, Knight, and on 1st of Henry IV (1400) to Baldwyn de Bereford. Later it was possessed by Isabel wife of Hugh Mortimer for life, and 18th Henry VI (1439) was granted to William Stafford for life. On 2d of Edward IV (1461), one Thomas Gill, Jr., late escheator of Dorset, rendered an account of £26 for the rent of Fordington. On 19th of Edward IV (1478) Katharine Arundel died seized of this manor.

Who possessed it during the succeeding ninety-five years does not appear in Hutchins's account of it. On 16th Elizabeth (1573) it was demised to Thomas Warren, he paying £33: 2*s.*: 1*d.* and on 20th of Elizabeth (1577) the demesne lands of the manor of Fordington were granted to one Maurice Brown for 21 years. It thus appears that Thomas Warren was possessed of the manor for about four years (1573 to 1577).

The tantalizing thing is, was Thomas Warren who owned the manor in 1573 related to Richard Warren who lived within the limits of the parish of Fordington, 1592 to 1638?

On 8th of James I (1609) the manor and the hamlet of Whitwell were granted to Henry, Prince

of Wales and in 1614 to Charles, Prince of Wales. Its title was vested in principality from 1609 to 1773 and perhaps for a longer period.

It is an extensive manor and at the death of Isabella wife of John Kendell in 1406 contained 40 acres. The reeve, an officer chosen by the steward of the manor, collects the lord's rent. Many remarkable Roman antiquities are found hereabouts. Many barrows exist and Roman coins have frequently been ploughed up. Two hundred skeletons were discovered near the pound in 1747. By the side of one lay a sword blade, two feet and a half long. It was conjectured that they were the remains of persons who fell in the Danish wars or perhaps their resting place had anciently been a part of the churchyard, near which the remains were found. The spirit of commercialism always encroaches upon the burial places of those long since departed.

The borough of Dorchester includes the parish of Fordington St. George where Richard Warren resided. The Borough Records of Dorchester contain releases to one Robert Warren, as follows:

"Owen Baylie, son and heir of William Baylie, late of Dorchester, baker, releases to Robert Warren of Dorchester, innholder, all rights in a messuage in the east part of a street or lane leading from High East Street to a lane commonly called Durnegate lane, between burgages [tenures in socage] of Peter Goodfellowe on the south and Benet Grey on the north. Warranty dated 21 Feb. 19th of Elizabeth [1577], per Ma: Chubbe. Witnesses on the back: Raffe Pallmer, Robar[t] Hode, dam alj's bussusl (?), alias Sr Dagonet Knight. Signum Robert Earlie.

Testeque me Mattheo Chubbe scriptore." Seal gone. (Municipal Records of the Borough of Dorchester, 378.)

Payments by Matthew Chubbe, one of the towne Stewards, from midsomer 1583 to 1585:

"Michaelmas quarter, 1585, Rec' of Mr. Corbyn and Robt. Warren their haulfe yeeres rent for the mixon [laystall] in the north est part of the west walls, xij *d.*" (Ibid. 480.)

Feoffment by William Baylie to Robert Warren of Dorchester and his heirs, of a burgage in the eastern part of Alhallow Church lane, on the north of a burgage of Peter Goodfellowe and on the south of burgage now of William Guy, late of Roger White, to hold of the chief lords of the fee. Warranty, William Collyns alias Hearne and John Pillerde to be attorneys to deliver seizin [possession], 1 June 17th of Elizabeth [1575]. Witnesses: Lawrence Stratford, John Skotte, Leonard Stones, John Chubbe, Matthew Chubb, scriptor. (Ibid. 705.)

William Myller of Dorchester, yeoman, releases to Robert Warren of Dorchester and his heirs, all rights in a messuage on the east side of a lane leading out of High Est Street towards Durnelane in the parish of All Saints, between the lande of Robert Goodfellow on the south and the lande of William Graye on the north, 20 June, 28th of Elizabeth [1596]. Witnesses: Richarde Rutter, clarck, Lawr[ence] Stratford, Matthew Chubbe, scriptore. (Ibid. 379.)

These documents make it clear that Robert Warren, an innholder, resided in All Saints parish of Dorchester from 1577 to 1596 and that he was an older man than Richard Warren of the adjoining parish of Fordington, 1592 to 1638. Were they kinsmen?

LAY SUBSIDIES OF DORCHESTER DIVISION, COUNTY OF DORSET.

Hundred of Uggescumb and Colliford Tree Hundred:

15 Apr., 14 Henry VIII to 31 July, 15 Henry VIII [1523]. No Warren found in the tax list.

Hundred of Uggescumb: Tithing of Corton:

26 Oct., 37 Henry VIII [1545] William Warryng in goods xl *s.* tax ii *d.*

Hundred of Colysfodestree: Tithing of Upway and Manor of Fordington

Warren not found.

Hundred of Uggescombe: Tithing of Fordington:

23 Jan., 1 of Elizabeth to 10 Feb., 2 of Elizabeth [1558/9]. William Warren in goods C *s.* tax V *s.*

Hundred of Uggescombe: Manor of Fordington:

35 Elizabeth [1592–3] No Warren found.

Hundred of Uggescombe: Manor of Fordington:

39 Elizabeth 1599, Richard Warren in annuity 20 *s.* tax 4 *s.*

Manor of Fordington: Fordington:

19 Mar., 1603/4 to 9 Feb., 1609/10, Richard Warren in annuity 20 *s.* tax 2*s.* 8 *d.*

There were five Subsidies assessed between 19 James I (1621) and the 6th of Charles I (1630). The 1st and 2d Subsidies were granted 26 Sept., 1628. In Fordington appears the name Richard Warren by copy[hold] 20 shillings, subsidy 4 shillings. The assessment of the 3d Subsidy of Fordington granted in the same year also contains the name of Richard Warren with the same tax in the parish of Fordington. The 4th Subsidy taken 15 Dec., 1628, contains the assessment for Fordington but the names on the roll are illegible.

The Subsidy of Fordington taken 11 Oct., 1641, does not contain the name of Warren.

Thus it is apparent that Richard Warren resided in Fordington St. George from 1599 to 1628. We

know from his will that he was living there 6 Dec., 1636, and from the Bishop's Transcripts that his daughter Mary was baptized in the parish 16 Aug., 1592. We are therefore justified in assuming that he must have been born as early as 1575.

BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, 1577 TO 1675.

Alice Warren, wid. bur. 29 Jan. 1586.
Mary, d. of Rich. Warren, christened, 16 Aug. 1592.
Edith, d. of Rich^{d} Warren, bapt. 2 July 1605.
Johane Warren and Ralph Sprage mar. 15 Aug. 1623.
Eedith, d. of Rich^{d} Warren, bur. 29 Oct. 1625.
Chr$\overline{\text{an}}$, d. of Rich Warren, bur. 3 July 1626.
[Chran is not distinct; it is an unusual contraction; probably for Christian.]
Marie Warren and John Bartlett mar. 25 Jan. 1634.

WARREN

Richard[1] Warren of the parish of Fordington St. George, county of Dorset, resided there from 1592 to 1638. He was probably the son of William and Alice Warren of Fordington. Alice Warren, a widow, was buried at Fordington, 29 Jan., 1586. He married Eve ——, before 16 Aug., 1592, and she was living as his wife, 6 Dec., 1636. It is conjectured that his father was that William Warren who was listed in the tithing of Fordington on 10 Feb., 1558/9, and that William died there before 29 Jan., 1586, leaving a widow Alice.

Richard Warren was living in the parish of Fordington on 16 Aug., 1592, but he is not mentioned in the subsidy of 1592-3. He was taxed on an annuity four shillings in 1599 and again two shillings eight pence between 9 Mar., 1603/4, and 9 Feb., 1609/10. He was also in the subsidy on 26 Sept., 1628, taxed four shillings. By occupation he was a husbandman. He must have been born as early as 1575 and died at Fordington shortly before 3 May, 1638.

Children, baptized at Fordington St. George:

i. Mary,[2] bp. 16 Aug., 1592; m. at Fordington, 25 Jan., 1634, John Bartlett of Fordington. She was living there, 6 Dec., 1636.

ii. Elizabeth, m. John Cox of Bockhampton and became the mother of their two sons before 6 Dec., 1636. She and her husband were living at Bowlington [Burleston?], county of Dorset, in Aug., 1640.

iii. Johane, m. at Fordington St. George, 15 Aug., 1623, Ralph Sprague son of Edward Sprague. She came to New England and died at Charlestown, 24 Feb., 1679/80.

iv. Edith, bp. 2 July, 1605; bur. 29 Oct., 1625.

v. Chran [probably Christian], bur. 3 July, 1626.

Will of Richard Warren of Fordington.

Richard Warren of Fordington, county of Dorset, husbandman, made his will 6 Dec., 1636, and it was proved 3 May, 1638.

To the reparations of the church at Fordington he gave six shillings eight pence and to the poor of the same parish a like sum. To his daughter Mary Bartlett wife of John Bartlett six shillings eight pence and no more "in respect I have bought my copy hold tenement in Fordington for her life and she hath married without my consent." To John Cox, son of John Cox of Bockhampton and of Elizabeth his wife, "one other of my daughters," twenty pounds. To William Cox, another of their sons, twenty pounds. Unto my daughter Johan wife of Edward [Ralph] Sprage six shillings eight pence and to the children of the said Edward [Ralph] Sprage and of Johan his wife which shall be living at the time of my decease twenty shillings apiece. To his godchildren William Swann, Richard Cosens, Christopher Sampson and unto Margaret Wills daughter of Richard Wills of Fordington twelve pence apiece. Upon condition that the said John Bartlett and Mary his wife, my daughter, do permit and suffer mine executors peaceably to hold and enjoy the copyhold tenement wherein I now dwell and to take the whole profits thereof for the space of six months next after my decease, I give unto my said daughter Mary ten pounds, to be paid within one year next after my decease. The residue I give to Eve my now wife and to Elizabeth Cox my daughter whom I make sole executrixes. Friends Mr. William Jolliffe of Dorchester, woollen-draper, and Thomas Sarvant, the younger, of Charminster to be overseers. (Water's Gleanings in England, 1246.)

Ralfe Sprague, sometime of Fordington, county of Dorset, fuller, and now of Charlestown in New England, planter, and Joane his wife, one of the daughters of Richard Warren, late of

Fordington aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, gave a power of attorney to William Derby of Dorchester, county of Dorset, gentleman, to receive their portions from the estate of the late Richard Warren, 8 Nov., 1638. Witnesses Johẽ Wintrop, Governor of the Massachusetts in N. E. & mei T[homas] L[echford]. [Sprague & ux. & Derby 2 *s.* 6 *d.*] (Lechford's Note-Book in the Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, 7 : 36.)

EAMES

BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS FROM FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORSET, 1577–1675

Alice, d. of Thomas Eames christened [day and month gone], 1577.
Jone Emes, widow, an old woman, buried 7 June 1587.
John, s. of Thomas Emes, bapt. 12 Jan. 1586.
Thoma, s. of Rich[d] Eames, bp. 9 Aug. 1605.
Richard Eames and Alice Sprage, mar. 5 June 1615.
Mellysant, wife of Thomas Eames, bur. 23 May 1614.
Edward, s. of Richard Eames, bapt. 25 Dec. 1618.
John, s. of Anthonye Eames, bapt. 24 Jan. 1618.
Thomas Rose and Anne Eames, mar. 14 Jan. 1618/9.
Thomas Eames, bur. 25 June 1618.
Kath., d. of John Eames, bapt. Jan. 1, 1620.
Persis, d. of Anthony Eames, bapt. 28 Oct., 1621.
Anthoney Eames signs as churchwarden, 1622.
Elizabeth, d. of Anthony Eames, bapt. 13 June 1624.
Justus, s. of Antony Eames, bapt. 29 Apr. 1627.
Anthony Eames signs as churchwarden, 1627.
Jonathan, s. of John Eames, bapt. 14 Sept. 1628.
Margery, d. of Anthony Eames, bapt. 5 [Dec?] 1630.
Anthony Eames signs as churchwarden, 1631.
Joane, d. of Thomas Eames, bapt. 31 Jan. 1633.
Joane, d. of Thomas Eames, bapt. 31 Mar. 1635.
John Eames signs as churchwarden, 1635.
John, s. of Thomas Eames bapt. 13 Jan. 1638.
Edward Eames and Elizabeth Tapp, mar. 31 Jan. 1638.
Elizabeth, d. of Edward Eames, bapt. 27 Nov. 1639.

Luce Eames, wid., bur. 11 May 1665.
John Bunne and Elizabeth Eames, mar. 23 Dec. 1669.
John Eames, bur. 15 Sept. 1675.
Elizabeth, wife of Edward Eames, bur. 20 Oct. 1675.
Edward Eames signs as a churchwarden, 1675.

1 THOMAS[1] EAMES lived in Fordington St. George from 1577 to 1618. He was buried there 25 June, 1618. His wife MILLICENT ——, was buried there, 23 May, 1614.

Children, born at Fordington:

2 i. Richard,[2] probably a son; b. probably as early as 1590.
3 ii. Anthony, probably a son; b. probably before 1600.
iii. Alice, bp. ——, 1577.
iv. John, bp. 12 Jan., 1586.
v. Anne, m. 14 Jan., 1618/9, Thomas Rose of Fordington.

2 RICHARD[2] EAMES, probably a brother to Capt. Anthony Eames who came to New England about 1634, resided in the parish of Fordington 1615 to 1618. He was probably son of Thomas and Millicent Eames who lived in that parish from 1577 to 1618. No evidence has been found showing that he came to New England. He married at Fordington St. George, Dorset, 5 June, 1615, ALICE SPRAGUE, daughter of Edward and Christian Sprague of Upway, county of Dorset. She was called on 6 June, 1614, eldest daughter of Edward Sprague. On 8 Nov., 1638, she was living at Pomberry Mills (Poundbury Hill) near Dorchester in Old England. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow Alice, 5 May, 1634.

Child, baptized at Fordington St. George:

i. Edward,[3] bp. 24 Jan., 1618; m. there 31 Jan., 1638, Elizabeth Tapp, who was bur. there 20 Oct., 1675. Their daughter Elizabeth Eames, bp. there 27 Nov., 1639. Edward Eames was churchwarden of Fordington St. George in 1675.

3 Capt. ANTHONY[2] EAMES, as appears from the foregoing items, married prior to 1618 and lived in the parish of Fordington St. George, Dorset, from 1618 to 1631. He was a churchwarden of that parish in 1622, 1627 and 1631. He was probably son of Thomas and Millicent Eames of Fordington.

He came to Charlestown between 1631 and 1634 and was an inhabitant of Charlestown in 1634. He removed to Hingham in 1636, and later to Marshfield where he resided 1653 to 1661. He was a Deputy to Massachusetts Bay Colony 1637, 1638 and 1643, and to Plymouth Colony 1653-58 and 1661. He was also a Lieutenant and Captain in 1644 and 1645, and a member of the Council of War, 1657. He died 1686. Probably his wife was Margery who was admitted to the Charlestown Church, 13 Sept., 1635.

Children, baptized in Fordington St. George:

i. John,[3] bp. 24 Jan., 1618; d. at Hingham, 3 Nov., 1641.
ii. Persis, bp. 28 Oct., 1621.
iii. Elizabeth, bp. 13 June, 1624; m. Edward Wilder of Hingham.
iv. Justus, bp. 29 Apr., 1627; lived in Marshfield.
v. Margery, bp. 5 Dec., 1630; m. 20 Oct., 1653, John Jacob of Hingham.

vi. Millicent, not in order; m. in 1635, William Sprague of Charlestown and Hingham.
vii. Mark, of Marshfield, 1662.

BARTLETT

Bishop's Transcripts of Fordington St. George, 1577–1675.

Robert Bartlett, a middle aged man, bur. 14 May 1579.
Agnes, d. of Robert Bartlett, bapt. 17 Oct. 1585.
William, s. of Robt Bartlette, bapt. 7 Oct. 1587.
[? Rich.], s. of Robt Bartlet, bapt. [7 July ?] 1592.
Rich. Bartlett, bur. 9 Sept. 1620.
Eedith, wife of Thomas Bartlet, bur. 23 Jan. 1620.
William Bartlett and Katherine Ingram, mar. 26 Aug. 1620.
Robert, s. of William Bartlett, bapt. 8 July 1621.
Robt Bartlett, bur. 10 Nov. 1624.
Elizabeth, d. of William Bartlett, bapt. 18 Mar. 1626.
Richardo Bartlett [a west country woman's name] and John Stickland, mar. 1 Nov. 1631.
John Bartlett and Marie Warren, mar. 25 Jan. 1634.
Elizabeth Bartlett, bur. 13 Aug. 1638.
William Bartlett, bur. 4 Sept. 1638.
Thomas, s. of Robert and Elizabeth Bartlett his wife, bapt. 20 Feb. 1665.
Hannah, d. of Joseph Bartlett and Lydia his wife, bapt. 2 Dec. 1666.
John, s. of Joseph Bartlett and Lydia his wife, bapt. 3 Nov. 1667.
William Bartlett and Frances White mar. 2 Feb. 1669.
Agnes, wife of Richard Bartlett, bur. 28 Aug. 1670.
John Bartlett, bur. 6 Jan. 1670.
Thomas Bartlett, bur. 14 Jan. 1672.

John[1] Bartlett married at Fordington St. George, 25 Jan., 1634, Marie Warren, daughter of Richard Warren of Fordington St. George.

She was baptized at Fordington, 16 Aug., 1592, and married "without the consent of her father" as he stated in his will, 6 Dec., 1636. Her father gave her a copy hold tenement in Fordington for her life, however. John Bartlett was buried at Fordington St. George, 6 Jan., 1670. No children recorded in the baptisms of Fordington St. George.

THE SPRAGUES
IN MALDEN IN NEW ENGLAND

SECOND GENERATION

2 Lt. RALPH[2] SPRAGUE (*Edward*[1]) was born probably in Upway, county of Dorset, England, near 1599; died at Malden, Mass., — Nov., 1650. He married in the parish of Fordington St. George, Dorsetshire, 15 Aug., 1623, JOANNA WARREN, daughter of Richard Warren of Fordington St. George. She married (2) at Malden, 9 Sept., 1662, Dea. Edward Converse of Woburn. He died at Woburn, 10 Aug., 1663. She died at Charlestown, 24 Feb., 1679/80.

Children, first three born in England, others at Charlestown:

5 i. John,[3] bp. 23 May, 1624, at Fordington St. George.
ii. Jonathan, bp. 27 Nov., 1625, at Fordington; d. at Malden, — Dec., 1650, unm.
6 iii. Richard, b. near 1628, probably in England.
7 iv. Samuel, bp. in the First Church of Boston, 3 June, 1631 or 1632.
v. Mary, bp. in the First Church of Charlestown, 14 Sept., 1634; m. near 1662, Daniel Edmands of Charlestown. Five children. She d. at Charlestown, 26 Nov., 1717.
8 vi. Phineas, bp. at Charlestown, 31 July, 1637.

No evidence has been found that there was a son Jabez.

Lt. Ralph Sprague (c. 1599-1650) was called by his father on 6 June, 1614, "my eldest son," then being under 21. It was understood in the will that Edward Sprague's "living," his homestead in Upway, should fall to his eldest son, and the son promised that his mother Christian should

enjoy the same until he became "one and twenty."

Apparently, Ralph Sprague did not occupy his father's home later. His elder sister Alice went to Fordington and there married, 5 June, 1615, one Richard Eames. Ralph seems to have followed her to Fordington, for in the Charters, Minutes and other Documents of Weymouth, he is referred to as "of Fordington," 13 Dec., 1617. On that day he stated to the Mayor of Weymouth that he borrowed "a booke of the Warres in the Lowe Countryes" from one James Bounde. Perhaps this book was "A tragical historie of the troubles and civil warres of the lowe countries" (London, John Kingston, 1583, 4to), and fired him with zeal to emigrate to New England to see more of the world. (Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, 3: 111.)

According to the Bishop's Transcripts he remained in Fordington St. George for at least two years. John son of Raphe Sprague was baptized 23 May, 1624, and Jonathan son of Rafe Sprague was baptized 27 Nov., 1625. Where he resided from 1626 to 1629 is uncertain, but he undoubtedly entered into an agreement with Rev. John White, the Patriarch of Dorchester in Dorset, to come to New England at his own cost and charge. He wished to be remembered to Mr. White in his letter to William Derby, 8 Nov., 1638, and he owned a house in Upway at the time of his death according to the letter of his step-father John Corbin.

His Voyage to New England.

Ralph Sprague, his wife Joanna, his children John and Jonathan and his brothers Richard and William Sprague, undoubtedly came to New England in the *Lion's Whelp*.

The facts upon which this statement rests are as follows:

Francis Higginson, who came in the companion ship the *Talbot*, kept a daily Journal of the voyage from Saturday, 25 Apr., to 24 July, 1629. The *Talbot* and the *Lion's Whelp* arrived at Naumkeag (Salem) on Monday, 29 June, 1629 — after a voyage of forty-five days.

Commencing his Journal Mr. Higginson said:

> The Company of New-England, consisting of *many worthy gentlemen* in the city of London, Dorchester, *and other places*, aiming at the glory of God, the propagation of the Gospel of Christ, the conversion of the Indians, and the enlargement of the King's Majesty's dominions in America, and being authorized by his royal letters patents for that end, *at their very great costs and charge* furnished five ships to go to New-England, for the further settling of the English Plantation that they had begun there [in 1628].
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> The names of the five ships were as followeth: the *Talbot*, the *George*, the *Lion's Whelp*, the *Four Sisters*, and the *Mayflower*.

Mr. Higginson gave an exact description of each ship, one of which runs as follows:

> The third is called the *Lion's Whelp*, a neat and nimble ship, of a hundred and twenty tons, eight pieces of ordnance, carrying in her many mariners and above forty planters, *specially from Dorchester and other places thereabouts*, with provision, and four goats.

Continuing Mr. Higginson said:

But we that were in the *Talbot* and the *Lion's Whelp*, being ready for our voyage, by the good hand of God's providence, hoisted up sail from Gravesend on Saturday the 25th of April, about seven o'clock in the morning .... but at night we anchored against Leigh, which is twelve miles from Gravesend, and there we rested that night, and kept Sabbath next day.

The purpose that actuated those who embarked under the leadership of Francis Higginson in 1629 rests upon the authority of Cotton Mather who said:

When they came to the Land's End, Mr. Higginson, calling upon his children and other passengers unto the stern of the ship to take their last sight of England, said "We will not say, as the Separatists were wont to say at their leaving England, 'Farewell, Babylon! farewell, Rome!' but we will say 'Farewell, dear England! farewell, the church of God in England, and all the Christian friends there! We do not go to New England as Separatists from the Church of England, though we cannot but separate from the corruptions in it; but we go to practice the positive part of church reformation and propagate the gospel in America.'" (Bacon's History of American Christianity, 90.)

They spent the Sabbath of 10 May, 1629, in the port of Yarmouth, a seaport on the Isle of Wight. Mr. Higginson continues his Journal as follows:

Monday morning [11 May], blew a fair wind from east southeast; and the *Lion's Whelp* having taken in all her provision for passengers, about three of the clock in the afternoon we hoisted sail from the Needles [sharp rocks in the channel at the western extremity of the Isle of Wight shoot up like needles] and by God's guidance safely passed that narrow passage a little after four o'clock in the afternoon and .... entered into the sea.

On 11 June they reached the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. Here they saw a mountain of ice.

Toward night (Higginson continues), came a fog, that the *Lion's Whelp* was lost till morning.

Again, 15 June, he says:

We lost the sight of the *Lion's Whelp.* It being foggy, we drummed for them, and they shot off a great piece of ordnance; but we heard not one another.

On Tuesday, 16 June, Higginson writes:

While we were at prayers, it cleared up about an hour, and then we saw the *Lion's Whelp* distant about two leagues southward. We presently tacked about to meet her and she did the same to meet us; but before we could get together, a thick fog came, that we were long in finding each other.

On Wednesday, 24 June, he records:

About nine o'clock in the morning, we espied a ship about four leagues behind us, which proved to be the *Lion's Whelp*, which had been a week separated from us; we stayed for her company.

On Monday, 29 June, he writes:

This day, by God's blessing and the directions [of two men to pilot us], we passed the curious and difficult entrance into the large, spacious harbour of Naimkecke.

From the foregoing records it is apparent that the *Lion's Whelp* brought more than forty planters from "Dorchester and *other places thereabouts*" and that she sailed from Gravesend, 25 Apr., and arrived at Naumkeag (Salem) on 29 June in the year 1629, also that many worthy gentlemen of the Company of New-England furnished five ships "at their very great costs and charge."

John Endicott, with his wife and a company of some forty or fifty planters, sailed from Weymouth in Dorset for Massachusetts in the ship *Abigail*, Henry Godden, master, on 28 June, 1628,

and arrived at Naumkeag (Salem) on 6 Sept., 1628. He was not then Governor but was chosen Governor of the Plantation in the Massachusetts Bay for the year following "from the time he shall take his oath," by the London Company, 30 Apr., 1629. The place was called London's Plantation in America. He was the earliest patentee who came over under the indenture from the Plymouth Company.

The company who came with Endicott were *not independent adventurers who came at their own cost*, but were hired planters and servants. With Endicott "came Mr. [Charles] Gotte, Mr. [William] Brakenbury, Mr. [Richard] Davenport and others, who, being added to Capt. [William] Trask and John Woodbury . . . . went on comfortably together to make preparations for the new Colony that were coming over." (Hubbard's Narrative in Young's Chronicle, 30.) Nothing is said in this year of 1628 about the Sprague. They did not come as servants to Endicott.

The London Company sent a letter to Gov. Endicott, dated 28 May, 1629, in which they desire that Thomas Beard who came to Salem in the *Mayflower that year*, may have fifty acres of land allotted to him, *as one that transports himself at his own charge, as well for him as all others that shall have land allotted to them in that kind . . . . we hold it fit, that these kind of men . . . .* should become liable to the performance of some service certain days in the year, and by that service *they, and their posterity after them, hold and inherit these*

lands. (Frothingham's History of Charlestown, 13.)

According to this letter and the statement of Higginson at the beginning of his Journal, it was in the year 1629 that some of the planters transported themselves to New England *at their own cost*.

"Amongst others that arrived at Salem *at their own cost*, were Ralph Sprague, with his brethren Richard and William, who with three or four more, by joint consent and approbation of Mr. John Endicott, Governor, undertook a journey, and travel the wood above twelve miles westward, light on a neck of land called Mishawam, between the Mystic and Charles rivers, full of Indians, named Aberginians. Their old sachem being dead, his eldest son called by the English John Sagamore is chief; a man of a gentle and good disposition: by whose free consent they settle here; where they find but one English house, thatched and pallisadoed, possessed by Thomas Walford a smith (Genealogy of the Spragues, 1828, p. 5), situate on the south end of the westermost hill of the east field, a little way up from Charles river side, and upon survey, they found it was a neck of land generally full of stately timber."

The only original document written in 1629 containing a statement similar to the statement which John Green wrote into the Charlestown Town records in 1664, was written by Rev. Francis Higginson on or near 24 July, 1629. He says

"The Company of New-England . . . . *at their very great costs and charge furnished* five ships to go to New-England, for the further settling of the English Plantation that they had already begun there [under Endicott in 1628]." (Higginson's Journal in Young's Chronicles of Massachusetts, 215.)

The Charlestown Town records read as follows:

It was jointly agreed and concluded that this place on the north side of the Charles River, by the natives called Mishawum, shall henceforth, from the name of the River, be called Charlestown, which was also confirmed by Mr. John Endicott, Governor.

It is jointly agreed and concluded by the inhabitants of this town, that Mr. Graves do moddle and lay out the form of the Town, with streets about the hill, which was accordingly done, and approved by the Governor.

It is jointly agreed and concluded, that each inhabitant have a two acre lot to plant upon, and all to fence in common, which was accordingly, by Mr. Graves, measured out to them.

Upon which, Ralph Sprague and others, began to build their houses, and to prepare fencing for their lots, which was afterwards set up almost in a semi-circular form, on the south and southeast side of that field laid out to them, which lies situate on the northwest side of the town hill. (Budington's History of Charlestown, 173.)

The Charlestown Town records then state that "Mr. Graves this year built the Great House" and that Mr. Bright was "minister."

Mr. Bright was Rev. Francis Bright who came in the *Lion's Whelp*, arriving 29 June, 1629, and Mr. Graves was Thomas Graves, a mining engineer, who signed a contract at Gravesend to come to New England and lay out the plantations into towns, 10 Mar., 1628/9.

Therefore, the Spragues undoubtedly came in the year 1629 in the *Lion's Whelp*, arriving at Salem, 29 June, 1629, and were commissioned by Gov. Endicott to settle at Mishawam that year.

Here in Charlestown on the side of the Town Hill, Ralph Sprague and his associates undoubtedly occupied log-houses during the winter of 1629-30, suffering from its severity, great hardships. On the southeastern slope of the hill, the pioneers erected a large building which was called the "Great House," to which they welcomed Governor John Winthrop and his associates in the summer of 1630. On Thursday, 8 July, 1630, Gov. Winthrop here observed a day of Thanksgiving—the first which was observed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony by the old planters. From 1630 to 1636 the "Great House" on Town Hill, near the present City Square in Charlestown, was used as the Meeting House of the plantation.

In the spring of 1630, there was a conspiracy among the Indians to cut off the English and "the people of Charlestown agree to make a small fort, with pallisadoes and flankers, on the top of the Town Hill: which is performed at the direction of Master Thomas Graves by all hands, viz. men, women, and children, who labour in digging and building, till the work is done."

Here we get a picture of the hardships of Mr. Sprague and his family in the pioneer days in founding Charlestown. No wonder the General Court granted him lands in consideration of his

great "difficulties borne at the beginning."

The Indians had up to this time occupied all of the territory between the Charles and the Piscataqua rivers. Wonamaquaham, called by the English John Sagamore, or Sagamore John, was the son of the celebrated Nanepashemet (the New Moon), the powerful sachem of the great Pawtucket tribe. Nanepashemet passed into history nine years before Endicott came to Salem. He lived where Lynn now is until the Tarratines, to the eastward, made war on him. He was killed in 1619. His three sons occupied his haunts, Montawampate, or Sagamore James having his headquarters at Saugus, Wenepoykin, or Sagamore George at Naumkeag, and Wonamaquaham, or Sagamore John was at Mystic. The latter is described by Governor Dudley as "a handsome young man . . . . conversant with us, affecting English apparel and houses and speaking well of our God." The Charlestown records call him "a man naturally of a gentle and good disposition," and expressly state that he gave "free consent" for the English "to settle about the hill" at Mishawam.

Undoubtedly Ralph Sprague and his brothers were first to enter into negotiations at Mishawam and Mystic with Wonamaquaham.

Lt. Ralph Sprague's Public Services.

The first Court of Assistants of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was held at Charlestown in New England, 23 Aug., 1630. For more than ten years

thereafter this Court, the General Court and the Quarter Courts transacted all the public business of the Colony. The earliest Counties in Massachusetts, Suffolk, Middlesex, Essex and Old Norfolk, were not established until 10 May, 1643. Therefore, the General Court in its early days assumed functions not only legislative but also executive and judicial. They tried persons for misdemeanors and crimes, appointed local officers to enforce the laws, settled estates and attended to many minor matters.

At the third Court of Assistants held at Charlestown, in the Great House, 28 Sept., 1630, Ralph Sprague appears as one of fifteen jurymen "impanneld to inquire concerning the Death of Asten Bratcher . . . . dyeing lately att Mr. Cradocks plantac̃on." The jury reported "the strookes given by Walter Palmer were accationally the means of the death of Austen Bratcher." Palmer was bound over in £40 and Ralph Sprague was one of his sureties in £20 for his appearance at the next Court of Assistants to be held at Boston, 19 Oct., 1630.

At a General Court held at Boston, 19 Oct., 1630, Ralph Sprague appears among the one hundred and eight men who desired to be made freemen. He with the others was admitted a freeman 18 May, 1631. On the same day the General Court chose Ralph Sprague constable of Charlestown. So far as is known his name is in the earliest list of the men of the Massachusetts Bay Colony who desired to take the freeman's oath, as well as

among the first three constables chosen by the General Court. Walter Palmer was acquitted of the crime of manslaughter at a Court of Assistants held in Boston, 9 Nov., 1630.

At the Court of Assistants held in Boston, 7 Nov., 1632, Ralph Sprague was chosen umpire to decide upon the bounds set down betwixt Dorchester and Roxbury by Capt. William Traske, Roger Conant, William Cheeseborough and John Perkins who were appointed to set down the bounds.

At the General Court held in Boston, 14 May, 1634, "It was ordered, that there shalbe a ward of two kept every day att the fort att Boston, dureing the tyme of any shipps rydeing there, to be borne by the publique, and to be ordered by Capt. [John] Underhill," and Ralph Sprague is chosen one of the three sergeants "to Captaine Underhill." (Massachusetts Bay Colony Records, 1: 120.)

On 3 Sept., 1634, the General Court held its session at Newe Towne (Cambridge), "It was ordered that a General Committee .... shall have power to sett out the bounds of all townes not yet sett out, or in difference betwixte any towne .... and the committees are appoyncted to returne into the nexte Court, in Novemb^{r}, what they have done herein." Ralph Sprague was one of the nine members of this committee.

The General Court in its early years consisted of a single chamber, or body of men, and included the Governor, Deputy Governor, Secretary, Treas-

urer, Assistants and Deputies. At their sessions the Governor presided until 29 May, 1644.

John Haynes was governor in 1635 and Richard Bellingham was deputy governor. Among the twenty-six Deputies who were present at the session held at Newe Towne, 6 May, 1635, was Ralph Sprague. His services were so valuable that he was continued as a deputy to the General Court, 3 Mar., 1635/6; and again 8 Sept., 1636, at which Court he was styled "Sergent" Sprague.

At the General Court held at Newe Towne, 17 May, 1637, Lieut. Ralph Sprague, Mr. Richard Browne and Mr. Joseph Cooke were chosen to assist as Associates at "the Particular Courts at Newe Towne." In an age when there were few judges and lawyers his judgment was sought in the courts.

Lt. Sprague served as deputy at the General Court held at Newe Towne, 2 Nov., 1637. This Court adjourned to 15 Nov., 1637, when "It was ordered, that £1000 should bee levyed to pay the countryes debts, and Mr. [Joseph] Cooke, Left. [Ralph] Sprague, Mr. [Richard] Browne, Willi: Parks, Mr. [Nathaniel] Duncan, Mr. William Colburn, Mr. [John] Woodbridge, Samuel Ward, Thomas White [because of their influence in the Colony] were appointed to order the proportion to each towne." (Ibid., 1: pp. 205, 209.)

On 12 Mar., 1637/8, the General Court held its session again at Newe Towne. There were present the Governor John Winthrop, the Deputy Governor Thomas Dudley, and nine Assistants,

viz. "John Endecott, Richard Bellingham, John Humphrey, Roger Harlakenden, Israel Stoughton, John Winthrop Jr. Richard Saltonstall, Symon Bradstreete and Increase Nowell. Thirty Deputies were present including Lt. Ralph Sprague." (Ibid., 220.) The next session was held at Newe Towne, 2 May, 1638, and Lt. Ralph Sprague was again among the Deputies. (Ibid., 227.) The next General Court held its regular session in Boston, 6 Sept., 1638, and Ralph Sprague sat there with the Deputies. Likewise he was a Deputy at the next session of the General Court held in Boston, 13 Mar., 1638/9.

In those days the General Court met for a day at irregular intervals. Mr. Sprague again appears as a Deputy at the General Court holden at Boston, 22 May, 1639. This Court adjourned to 6 June, 1639, when "Mr. Thomas Mayhew, Left. Ralph Sprague and John Johnson are desired to viewe the difference between Dorchester and Boston, by Mr. [Hugh] Rossiter's farme, wch is marsh ground belonging to Dorchester, and to give their advise, w^{ch}, if it satisfy not, may bee returned to the Court, and if either party bee greeved to prosecute his suite and have it tryed by a jeurye, this committee to give evidence."

At the same session Lt. Sprague was appointed on a committee to levy £1000—£250 of which was to be used to build a house and repair the batteries at Castle Island. (Ibid., 1: 260.)

On the same day the General Court granted to "Leift. Ral: Sprague 100 acres [he] *haveing borne*

difficulties in the begining." At the next session of the General Court held in Boston, 4 Sept., 1639, Lt. Ralph Sprague was present as a Deputy. (Ibid., 1: 270.)

He reported to the General Court with Mayhew and Johnson, 6 Nov., 1639, "that by joynt agreement they had set out to the towne of Dorchester what they did judge to bee marsh ground: where there was any difficulty they have set stakes, and where no stakes are, they conclude it all marsh — 17 June 1639."

At the General Court held in Boston, 13 May, 1640, Lt. Ralph Sprague was again present as a Deputy. At the same session "Mr. Treasurer [William Tyng], Mr. Samuel Shepard and Lt. [Ralph] Sprague have power to let the ferry between Boston and Charlestowne to whom they see cause, when the time of Edward Converse is expired, at their discretion." (Ibid., 290.)

Lt. Ralph Sprague served as a Deputy to the General Court held in Boston, 7 Oct., 1641. At the adjourned session held 10 Oct., 1641, "It is ordered that Lt. [Ralph] Sprague and Edward Converse should repair the bridg at Medford, over the Mistick River, and the same to bee paid for out of the treasury." (Ibid., 343.) He also served as Deputy, 7 Mar., 1643/4.

At a General Court of Election held in Boston, 29 May, 1644, Lt. Ralph Sprague was present as a Deputy. He was also present as a Deputy, 14 May, 1645. The General Court ordered, 6 May, 1646, that "Ralph Sprague and Edward Converse

are appointed to view y^e^ bridge at Mistick, and what charge they conceive meete, to be presently expended for y^e^ making it sufficient and prevent y^e^ ruine thereof, or by further delay to endanger it, by agreeing with workmen for y^e^ compleate repairing thereof, and to make their returne to Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Russell, and what they shall do herein to be satisfied out of y^e^ treasury." (Ibid., 2: 149.)

At a General Court of Elections, 26 May, 1647, "The Court hath appointed Lt. [Ralph] Sprague and Francis Smith to lay out y^e^ way from Winnesemet to Reading and also appoint Lt. Sprague, et al. as a committee to view y^e^ ryver, and make returne to y^e^ Courte of y^e^ necessity and charge of a bridge, and make returne to y^e^ next session of this Courte." (Ibid., 2: 192.)

He was a member of the committee chosen by the General Court, 14 May, 1645, "to consider of y^e^ best wayes and meanes to destroy y^e^ wolves wch are such ravenous cruell creatures, and daily vexatious to all y^e^ inhabitants of this collony, and to present their thoughts and conclucions thereabouts to this howse." (Ibid., 3: 10.)

At another session of the General Court held in Boston, 4 Nov., 1646, "Mr. Francis Norton is accepted of and confirmed in the place of lieutenant to y^e^ company of Charles Towne, in y^e^ roome of Lt. Sprague, who is discharged, on his request, therefrom, and Sargt. Sprague is accepted and confirmed as ensigne of y^e^ said company." (Ibid., 3: 84.) Ralph Sprague had served as Lieutenant of

the Charlestown Company from 1637 to 1646 inclusive — a period of ten years.

At the General Court held in Boston by adjournment, 4 May, 1649, "in answer to a petition of the inhabitants of Charlestown concerning the grant to Mr. Mayhew as agent to Mrs. Cradocke, the Court being satisfied with the evidence of Lt. Sprague and Thomas Lynde, then deputies of the Courte, that the comon granted then to Misticke Farme, by order of Courte, was meerely for prevention of their trespassing on Charles Towne bounds, think meete to allow the said farme comon for fifteene head of cattle on the backside of Misticke Farme, so long as the said land of Charles Towne, lying on the backside of Misticke Farme, lye in comon, and no longer." (Ibid., 3: 155.)

At the General Court held, 9 May, 1649, "Lt. Sprague, et al. reported as a committee for a highway laid out from Reading to Winnesemett . . . . *which concernes posterity as well as ourselves.*" (Ibid., 3: 159.)

From the foregoing it appears that Ralph Sprague served as a Deputy to the General Court from Charlestown, then including Everett, Malden, Melrose, Stoneham and Somerville, etc., at least in sixteen sessions and served on important committees many times.

The fact that Mr. Sprague served with the most distinguished men of the Massachusetts Bay Colony so long indicates that he was a man of

sound judgment and remarkable ability. His influence in the Colony was great.

His service as a Deputy is summarized as follows: 6 May, 1635, 3 Mar., 1635/6, 8 Sept., 1636, 2 Nov., 1637, 12 Mar., 1637/8, 2 May, 1638, 6 Sept., 1638, 13 Mar., 1638/9, 22 May, 1639, 4 Sept., 1639, 13 May, 1640, 7 Oct., 1641, 7 Mar., 1643/4, 20 May, 1644, 29 May, 1644, 14 May, 1645.

Military.

Capt. Robert Keayne, et al. were authorized by the Governor and Council to organize the Military Company of Massachusetts, later called The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, 13 Mar., 1638. As early as 26 July, 1631, the Court of Assistants ordered that Capt. John Underhill's Company at Boston and Roxbury and those "who inhabitt at Charlestown, Misticke (Malden) and the New Towne (Cambridge) shall train every first Friday in every month."

Ralph Sprague became a member of the Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts soon after its organization in the year 1638. (Roberts's History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1: 78.)

His Church Membership.

The First Church of Boston was organized in the Great House at Charlestown, 27 Aug., 1630. Among those who that day joined at Charlestown were Ralph Sprague and Joanna his wife and Richard Sprague (Records, First Church of Bos-

ton.) A majority of the members soon removed to Shawmut (Boston) and carried the church organization with them. The First Church of Charlestown was organized 2 Nov., 1632, when thirty-five persons entered in covenant. On that date Ralph Sprague and his wife Joanna and Richard Sprague and his wife Mary were dismissed from the First Church of Boston to join the First Church of Charlestown.

Ralph Sprague's Homestead.

Ralph Sprague commenced to build his house in Charlestown as soon as Thomas Graves laid out the lots, not earlier than July or August, 1629. Frothingham in his History of Charlestown says that his house stood in "Crooked Lane," later called Bow street, near the Great House which stood in what is now City Square.

His homestead in 1638 was located on the east end of the common and bounded on the south and west upon the highway — Crooked Lane — on the southeast by Philip Drinker, and on the northeast by Mystic River. (Charlestown Land Grants, 45.)

In 1638 the Town of Charlestown made a record of twelve lots of land which were granted to him. Five of these lots were on Mystic Side, out of which the town of Malden was formed in 1649. Richard Sprague was granted lot No. 35, containing 20 acres on Mystic Side, "55 acres above y^{e} Ponds and 5 acres had in possession aforetime." This grant was made, 23 Apr., 1638.

On 18 Dec., 1638, Richard Sprague and Thomas Lynde having received "nothing but Rockes" — evidently land in what is now Middlesex Fells — in their allotments were to leave "the aforesaid Rocks to lye Common" and to have allowance elsewhere. (Charlestown Possessions, 69.)

About 1648, Richard Sprague took a deed of his brother Ralph Sprague's Charlestown property in exchange for his Mystic Side property. The deed from Ralph Sprague to Richard Sprague was acknowledged, 23 Mar., 1649/50 (Middlesex Deeds, 3: 341), while the deed from Richard to Ralph was never recorded.

This homestead was located in the vicinity of Clifton street between Washington and Summer streets in Malden. The farm extended across Pleasant street to Malden river; south of the Congregational Church. Summer street and perhaps a portion of Pleasant street was a lane leading from the Sprague house to a landing called Sprague's Bank, on Three Mile Brook, at the lower extremity of the lot. (Corey's History of Malden, 72.)

The homestead lot contained about thirty acres. In 1650 Ralph Sprague's estate was settled. The widow had for her thirds, "the House sometime [formerly] Richard Spragues, one half of the Barnes and Appurtenances thereto fixed, All the upland belonging to the sayd house and Adjoyning to it (Except the Little feild containing About five acres) containing Thirtie Acres more or Less, half the Meadow ground below the Countrie high

way [Pleasant street], half the hay ground called Mount Prospect Meadows," etc. The settlement further recites that the "Little Feild one half assigned to John Sprague was sometime his Uncle Richards." The settlement must be accepted as evidence that Ralph Sprague held his homestead in Malden by a deed from his brother Richard. As no such deed is recorded in the registry, we are justified to say it was an unrecorded deed.

The ancient homestead passed into the possession of his youngest son Phinehas Sprague who lived there till 1691. In 1704 his heirs sold the entire farm to Jacob Wilson of Malden for £290. (Middlesex Deeds, 13: 545.)

On 1 Jan., 1648/9, Lt. Ralph Sprague and nine other freemen "of Mistike Syde" petitioned to the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony, for a separation from Charlestown, and "Misticke side" became a distinct town of the name "Maulden," 11 May, 1649. (Corey's History of Malden, p. 111.) From that time to his death Mr. Sprague worshiped in the First Church of Malden which then included the present cities of Malden, Everett, Melrose and the Greenwood section of Wakefield.

His English Connections.

Ralphe Sprague of Charlestowne in New England and Joane his wife make their letter of attorney unto John Holland of Tinckleton [Tincleton] in the County of Dorset ffuller to receive of John Cox of Bowlington and Elizabeth his wife

Executors of Richard Warren deceased £7 wch was given by his will to the said Joane and her children, John, Jonathan, Richard, Samuel, Mary, and Phineas, or any other summe due unto them — undated but after 29 Aug., 1640. (Lechford's Note-Book, 301.)

To my Loving Sister Alice Eames at Pomberry Milles neare Dorchester, these d[*eliver*].

Loving Sister, my love to you & our friends wth you remembred, whereas I sent you a letter formerly to treate wth my wife's ffathers executors about our porc̃on, I doe hereby revoake those letters & your power by them committed to you, & desire you would goe to Mr. Derby whome we have made our Attorney, & knowe of him what is or can be done in the matter, & if he shall recover any thing then you are to receive it & send it to me & dispose of it according to my former direcc̃ons, but howsoever I pray let us heare what is or shall be done in the businesse. Soe the Lord keepe you & yours.

Your loving Brother
Ralfe Sprague

Boston in New England
8 Nov. 1638.

(Lechford's Note Book published in the Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, 7: 38.)

Letter from Ralfe Sprague to William Derby.

To my very worthy and good ffriend Mr. William Derby at his house in Dorchester or at his lodging in Terme tyme at the Sugerloafe in Sheerelane, London, these d[eliver].

Worthy Sr, I heare that my wife's ffather is Deceased, and that he leaft a faire estate behinde him. I knowe not whether hee made a will or no: my wife and I hope that there is a child's parte due unto us, because that she had noe porc̃on as yet from her ffather in his life tyme. These are therefore to entreate you to be pleased to deale for us effectually & circumspectly in this businesse as you can and to take all advantages for us in the

thing, and that you would receive what is due to us, pay yourselfe for all charges & labour in it out of what you receive, & returne us the rest, by my Sister Alice Eames at Pomberry Mills. We thank the Lord we are heere well & in health, and we hope you are so also, and that worthy and godly man Mr. [John] White your Pastor, to whome my wife & I remember our service and yourselfe & Mr. Prale, beseeching the Lord God to keepe you & defend you & his Churches all in this evill tyme. So I rest

Yo^{r} very loving ffriend

Ralfe Sprague.

Boston in N. E. 8 Nov. 1638.

Wee have sent you here-inclosed a letter of Attorney sealed before our worthy Governor to the purpose in this letter menc̃oned. The writer hereof who hath given his advise in this businesse salutes you in the Lord. And I leave all to your wisedome and discreation. [Thomas Lechford.]

(Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, 7 : 37.)

LETTER FROM JOHN CORBIN OF UPWAY, DORSET, TO RALPH SPRAGUE OF MALDEN IN NEW ENGLAND.

[De]are and loving Sonne,

Ralfe Sprague my true love evermore remembred unto you hoping in the Lord of your good health as God bee praised I am and all the rest of our friends att the writing heereof. Loving Sonne I do intreat you very earnestly that So Soone as you have receaved this letter you would not fayle to write unto mee your mynd about the tenement of yo^{rs} in Upway being now in the possession of Thomas Murrie Also I am very Sorrie to understand that my brother-in-law John Holland should report that hee receaved a letter from your brother Richard that you were dead, but I give God praise that I heare to the contrary. I pray you to remember my love to your brothers Richard Sprague and William Sprague. Also all our loving friends in generall have remembred their loving and kinde commendations unto you and you may assure your selfe that I and all the rest of our friends would bee very glad to see you heere with us before wee

dy and you Shall bee kindly welcome unto us. I pray you loving Sonne not to fayle to Send mee answer of this letter so Soone as you can conveniently And So I leave you with my prayers to the heavenly protexion of the Almighty who in his mercy blesse preserve and keepe you and So I rest

Yo^{r} loving ffather in law till death

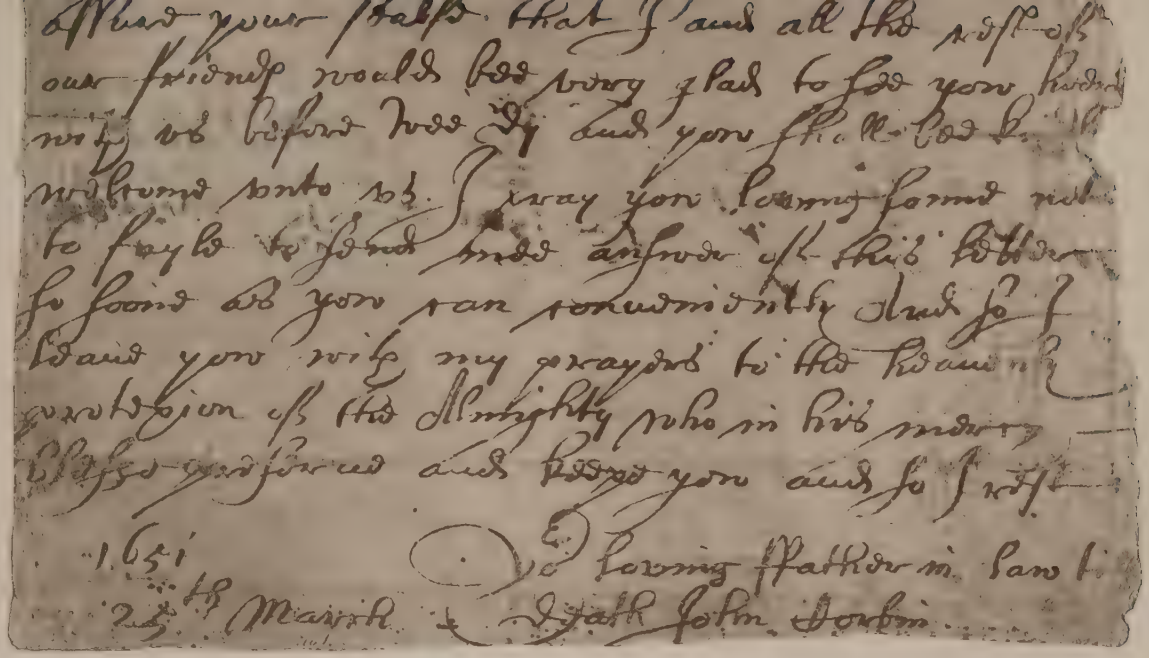
John Corbin

[Upw]ay $\left.\begin{matrix}1651\\25\text{th}\end{matrix}\right\}$March

At the time this letter was written Ralph Sprague had been deceased four months. The report which Richard Sprague made to John Holland was doubtless true. Further, it must be borne in mind that John Corbin used "son" for step-son and "father-in-law" for step-father.

His Lands.

Ralph Sprague of Charlestown, husbandman, for a good and valuable consideration already received, sells unto Richard Sprague of the Towne aforesaid one messuage or tenement in Charlestowne to the comon, neere unto the necke of land, together with a barne, yard, orchard, garden and other accommodations thereunto belonging, vizt. one peece of meadow neere unto the house, lying betwixt the garden and River comonly called Misticke River; also Two Hay lotts and a halfe fenced in adjoyneing to the comon on the one end and the Mill pond on the other end; Also seven hay lotts on Misticke Side neere unto [the] River w^{ch} was the alotment of the aforesaid Ralph Sprague, given unto him by the Towne; also three acres of plowland ± bounded with the land of Mr. William Barnard on the northwest and y^{e} lands of Michael Smith on the southeast; also three acres more of plowland lying in the great field neere unto the Towne be it ± bounded with the lands of Will'm Stilson on the east and Will'm Dady on the west together with six Cowe-Comons on the comon neere the Towne. Signed 14 Feb. 1648/9 and acknowledged, 23 Mar. 1649/50. (Middlesex Deeds, 3: 341.)



LETTER OF JOHN CORBIN TO LT. RALPH SPRAGUE

Dated at Upway, 25 March, 1651

(Kindness of Miss Lana J. Wood of Lynn)

In his Sprague Genealogy published in 1828, Hosea Sprague states that he went to Charlestown in the summer of 1828 on purpose to see the tombstone of Lt. Ralph Sprague and of Capt. Richard Sprague, the first settlers in Charlestown. He adds that the inscriptions remain to this day, however, almost obliterated by the "dropping of water." (p. 13.) A visit to the ancient Charlestown cemetery in 1922 revealed no trace of those tombstones.

In a letter dated, 28 Oct., 1829, Joseph E. Sprague then of Salem expresses doubt to Hosea Sprague as to what the author saw. Joseph E. Sprague states that Capt. Richard Sprague, son of Lt. Ralph Sprague, and Richard's wife Eunice were buried in Rev. Charles Morton's tomb in the Charlestown cemetery, and he asks Hosea Sprague if it were not these whose inscriptions he saw in 1828.

LT. RALPH SPRAGUE'S ESTATE, 1650.

M [Maldon] : 6 : 11 : 1650. [Jan. 6, 1650/1.]

Wee whose names are hereundr written being the widow Relict & children of Ralph Sprague late of Maldon In the Countie of Midlsex, deceased, have unanimously desired Ensigne Richard Sprague of Charlestown, Mr. William Sergeant & Joseph Hills of Maldon Aforesayd to Apprize & Allso to Apporc̃on the whole Estate belonging & disposed to us According unto the mind of the deceased Aforesaid (declared by him unto the sayd Ensigne Sprague & Joseph Hills), viz. one third part of the howsing & land to the sayd widow, during her naturall Life & a third of All other goods & chattells forever, And the rest of the howsing, Lands, Goods, & chattells unto his children herafter menc̃oned, (to John two parts & the other children. All Alike parts) And doe hereby Ingage ourselves most freely & firmly to

stand unto their Order & determinacõn signified under their hands in writing. In witnes whereof we have put to our hands the Day and yeare Abovewritten

the mark of
Jone U Sprague: John Sprague: Samuel Sprague: Mary Sprague: Phinehas Sprague.

A true Inventory of all the Lands, Goods, and Chattells moveable and Imoveabl of Liuetenant Ralph Sprague deceased taken the daye and year abovewritten.

	s.	*d.*
Impr. Two hundred & fourtie acres of upland and meadow ground (more or less) and howsing In Maldon	£382: 00:	00
Twentie foure heads of great Cattle: one horse: fifteen swine: thirtie foure acres of Corne on the ground and impliments of husbandry	£179: 00:	00
Brass		
fowre potts: fowre kettles: fowre possuits and other small things	8: 19:	08
Pewter		
Eight platters, seven saucers, fowre basons, fowre porringers, fowre chamber potts, two quarts, two pints and other small things	3: 10:	07
Linen		
fowrteen payer of sheets, six pillowbeers, seven table cloths, three dozen and three table napkins and some other Linen	16: 17:	06
Bedding		
Three feathr beds two flockbeds with bolsters, pillows, blanketts, coverings, curtains, matts and bedsteads	23: 18:	08
One Joynd Tabl and forme, one Iron pott and other household stuff within the house	23: 19:	06
His wearing apparrell and Monie	11: 03:	10
Sum̃a Totalis	649: 10:	00

Besides a Grant of a hundred acres of land given by the Genrall Court and some corne in the Barnes & house unthreshed not valued in the Sum of 649: 10:

00 aforesaid, w^ch^ corne we order to be threshed out and doe hereby apporc̃n unto the widow her third part, to John two parts of six, and the remaynder in fowre Equall parts to Richard, Samuel, Marie and Phinehas.

Jos: Hills: Richard Sprague
Willm Sergeant

Apprzers above menc̃oned

Distribution.

Wee the Apprizers Abouenamed find the estate to Amount to six hundred fourtie nine pounds Ten Shillings, doe Order & Apporc̃on the same As followth:

Impr. unto Jone Sprague for her third part, the house sometime Richard Spragues, one half part of the Barnes & Appurtenances thereto fixed, All the upland belonging to the sayd house & Adjoyning to it (Except the Little feild Cont. About five Acres) Cont. Thirtie Acres more or Less,

half the Meadow ground below the Countrie highway, half the hay ground called Mount Prospect Meadows & eight Acres of Meadow ground Against the Cedar Swamp in the broad Meadow at L pond farme together wth half the Orchard and Garden belonging to the other house

During her Life, valued in the whole	133 . 00 . 00
Two Cowes, two Oxen, A Cart, fowre Swine & some Implments of husbandry	030 . 16 . 06
In pewter, Brass, Bedding, Linen & other houshold goods set out unto her	052 . 13 . 06
	216 . 10 . 00

To John Sprague:

one half part of the dwelling howse & Ediffices therto belonging & half the upland wch was his father's own Lott & in his occupac̃on, the whole Orchard & Garden Except the part of the sayd Orchard & Garden reserved to his mother,

half the Little Feild, sometime his Uncle Richards Lying Against the sayd Orchard,

half the Meadow ground below the Countrie highway, viz. of that half part not Apporc̃oned unto his mother, one fourth part

of the Meadow by Mount Prospect, and fowre Acres of Meadow next his mother's at L ponde farme,
valued togethr 082 . 10 . 00
One horse, fowre Oxen, fowre two yeare old steers, thre Cowes, one heifer, seaven Swine 069 . 05 . 00
Twentie foure Acres of Corne on the ground & sev-erall Impliments of husbandry set out to him 049 . 12 . 08

Provided he pay unto his	£	s.	d.
Brothr Richard	15	16	00
To Samuel	11	10	10
To Marie	41	00	10
Keeping to his own use	133	00	00

To Richard Sprague

one half part of the hundred thirtie fowre Acres of Land by L pond viz sixtie seaven Acres & half the two Saltmarsh Lotts sometime Mr Samuel Halls

	£	s.	d.
valued at	46	00	00
Two steers, two Swine, & other things set out to him	13	04	00
more to be payd by the Administrator	15	16	00
	75	00	00

To Samuel Sprague

The other half part of the hundred thirtie foure Acres of Land by L pond viz Sixtie seaven Acres, more or Less, & the other part of the two Saltmarsh Lotts sometime Mr. Halls

valued at fourtie six pounds	46	00	00
two yearling Calves, one Swine, & other things set out to him	17	09	02
due to him from the Administrator	11	10	10
	75	00	00

To Phinehas Sprague

The other half of the howsing & Barns viz. that was his fathers dwelling house & half the upland ground belonging thereunto (Excepting the Orchard & Garden) Allso half the Little feild lying Against the sayd Orchard, Cont. In the whole, the whole parcel partable betwixt his Brother John & himself Thirtie seaven Acres, more or less, viz. to Phinehas Eighteen Acres & a half,

the other half part of that half part of the Meadow not apporc̃oned to his mother below the Countrie Highway at the South

end of the plough ground, one fourth part of the Meadow by Mount Prospect & fowre Acres of Meadow next his Brother John within L pond farme valued at

Seaventie foure Pounds Ten Shillings	74 . 10 . 00
one silver spoone, A Book, & a pillow	00 . 10 . 00
	75 . 00 . 00

wch sayd howsing & land wth the consent of the sayd Phinehas & his mother whom he hath chosen for his Guardian, we have disposed unto his Brother John, untill the sayd Phinehas shall come to the Age of one & twentie years compleate, paying unto his Guardian to his use upon demand five Pounds A yeare, either in corne or catle at price currant, or in case it be not demanded & payd Annually, then so much as shall be behind & unpayd, to be payd him when he shall come to Age as Aforesayd. Allso wee Order the sayd John to keep the sayd howsing & fences to sayd land In good repayre from time to time & so to leave them.

To Mary Sprague

Two Oxen, one Swine, A feathr bed, A Brass pott, two payer of sheets, A green Rugg, wth other houshold goods set out unto her, And A litl Black Cow	33 . 19 . 02
more to be payd her by the Administrator After twelve months time either in six months After marriage or at her Age of one & twentie years wch shall first come, fourtie one Pounds & ten pence	41 . 00 . 10
	75 . 00 . 00

Provided Allso that for what time she shall be unpayd the sayd fourtie one pounds Ten pence more than twelve months, he shall pay for the produce thereof fourtie Shillings A yeare.

The whole Estate Inventoryes			649 . 10 . 00
Apporc̃ond	To the widow	216 . 10 . 00	
	To John	133 . 00 . 00	
	To Richard	075 . 00 . 00	
	To Samuel	075 . 00 . 00	
	To Phinehas	075 . 00 . 00	
	To Mary	075 . 00 . 00	
		649 . 10 . 00	

The Corne menc̃oned In the foote of the Inventory	£	s.	d.
Is 153 bushells of wheate appr'zd at 5s per bush.	38	05	00
63 bushells of barle at 5s per bush.	15	15	00
34 bushells of pease at 4s per bush.	06	16	00
60 bushells of rie at 4s per bush.	15	00	00
19 bushells of oates at 2s per bush.	1	18	00
100 bushells of Indian at 3s per bush.	15	00	00
wch Amounts to every of the parties As followeth:			
unto Jone Sprague the widow of the sayd Ralph Sprague deceased as aforesayd,			
for her third part the sum of	30	18	00
unto John Sprague for his two parts	20	12	00
unto Richard for his fourth part	10	06	00
unto Samuel for his fourth part	10	06	00
unto Marie for her fourth part	10	06	00
unto Phinehas for his fourth part	10	06	00
	92	14	00

Witnes o^{r} hands In reference to the Apporconing of the Estate of Ralph Sprague Aforesaid being for the Totall seaven hundred fourtie two pounds and four Shillings this Twentie ninth of the first month one Thousand six hundred fiftie one. [Mar. 29, 1651.]

Jos. Hills. Willm Sergeant. Richard Sprague.

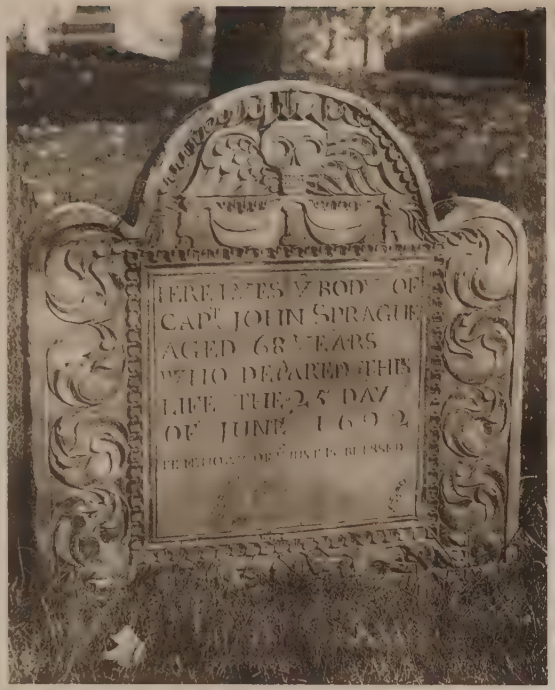
Inventory of Estate of Ralph Sprague of M
dd. the 1 : 2^{m} : 1651 [Apr. 1, 1651.]

Will of Joan Converse.

The last will and testimony of Joannah Converse widow to Edward (Converse) deceased sometimes* wiffe of Lieutenant Ralph Sprague:

It: I bequeath and commit my Soule to God that gave it in hope of a blessed & Joyfull Resurrection Both of soule & Bodye & my Body to be decently Buried By my Children & for those world's goods that God hath given unto me & are mine to dispose of them in manner following:

* "Sometimes" used for formerly.


HERE LIES Y BODY OF
CAPT JOHN SPRAGUE
AGED 68 YEARS
WHO DEPARED THIS
LIFE THE 24 DAY
OF JUNE 1692

IN MEMORY
LIEUTENANT RALPH SPRAGUE
SON OF
EDWARD AND CHRISTIAN SPRAGUE
UPWAY DORSETSHIRE ENGLAND
1600 — 1650
ARRIVED IN NAUMKEAG, SALEM. 1629.
A FIRST SETTLER OF MYSTIC SIDE,
NOW MALDEN.
ON FIRST JURY 1630
DEPUTY TO GENERAL COURT, 1634
REPRESENTATIVE TO
GENERAL COURT. 1636
RALPH SPRAGUE WAS A PROMINENT
AND VALUABLE CITIZEN ACTIVE IN
PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE
TOWN AND COLONY"-FROTHINGHAM

It: I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Edmands my bigest Brass pann: & my fether Bedd: w^th^ two Bolsters: & two pillows: & one payer of Blankets & my best covering & three payer of my best sheetes & pillow cases:

It: I give & bequeath unto my sonn Phinehas Sprague: my other Brass pann:

It: I bequeath unto Mary Sprague daughter to my sonn Phinehas Sprague my Brass pott & warming pann w^ch^ is at her fether's house:

It: I bequeath unto Mary Edmands daughter to Daniel & Mary Edmands: my greate Brass Bellmetall skelit: & y^e^ rest of my estate I give unto my Chilldren equaley to be divided among them: I meane John Sprague, Richard Sprague, Phinehas Sprague, Samuell Sprague: & Mary Edmands: and if any one of my chilldren [shall not] submit to this my will as to what God hath given me to dispose of I doe declare it is my will y^t^ such child or Chilldren shall have no Benefit hereoff: But their part & porsions I give unto them or any one of them that shall submit and rest satisfied with what I have done: y^e^ entirlining: of "Phinehas Sprague & goods" done before signing & sealing this: 24 Feb. 1674: Signed & sealed as my last will in the presence of us Wittnesses

John Cutler
Thomas Lord

Ye Marke of
Joannah § Converse *

Proved 16 June 1680.

At Charlestown Nov. 11, 1679, Richard Sprague made "an invoice of perticulars given by mother Converse to sister Mary Edmonds as followeth: Imprimis — A hood and safegard of serge — her best black gowne — her best red cloath petticoate — her red turky Mohaire petticoate — her best hatt & best greene apron — her little Chest — Two pewter dishes — her red serge petticote — severall parcels of linnen which shee put into Sister

* It has been assumed that age caused her to sign with a mark instead of her full name. But more than 14 years before her signature to Ralph Sprague's inventory was also by means of a mark. Illiteracy was common with women in those days and there was nothing in the circumstance to be regarded as discreditable.

Edmonds boxes which shee gave her and are not to bee called for And Sister Edmonds is to have her proportion of what is left."

Sister Edmonds daughter to have the scarfe shee had at Eunice Sprague's buriall and the hood and handkercher was cutt of from it:

Phinehas Sprague's daughter Mary to have her next best silke hood & lutestring hanch-chief:

One of Bro: John's daughters to have another of her scarfs.

One of Bro: Samuel's daughters to have another scarfe.

And Bro: Phineas other daughter to have the other scarfe.

(Sgnd) Richard Sprague

15 : 4 : 80

The marke of

Sworn in Court J. R. C. Hannah H. Edmonds.

Dec. 3, 1679 I Joanna Converse doe give unto my daughter Edmonds: the old Durnex Curtains & valents, a greene rugg, iron drippin pan, my Trunke, two brass kettles, a Brass pott, with a brass Ladle, my Cloake, and what things of mine are in my sonne Phinehas his house, being a bedsted, a table, a foarme with an iron barr & trammels in the chimney, a paire of iron andirons a chest should remaine to him as his owne. These perticulars with those in a paper of a former date to remaine to the partyes nominated as witness our hands the day & year above written

Richard Sprague

The marke of

Hannah H. Edmonds.

An Inventory of the Estate of Johanna (Converse) deceased taken April the 2, 1680.

In Bookes		£01 : 00 : 00*
In housing and lands		180 : 00 : 00
In money		23 : 16 : 00
[Other items omitted]	[total]	£253 : 05 : 01

(Middlesex Probate, 4930.)

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* The value of a pound in 1680 was large in comparison with values today, representing probably many books.

In 1830 Hon. Edward Everett in his bi-centennial address at Charlestown said: "The Spragues were founders of the settlement of ancient Charlestown (including Malden, Melrose, Everett, Stoneham, Somerville and parts of Medford, Cambridge and Arlington) and were persons of character, substance and enterprise: excellent citizens: generous public benefactors; and heads of a very large and respectable family of descendants."

The distinguished speaker was a grandson of Joan Stevens, 1711-1791, whose mother was Sarah[4] Sprague (*Phineas*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) who was born at Malden, 23 Apr., 1686. Her great grandson was Rev. Edward Everett Hale also a distinguished Bostonian.

2a EDWARD[2] SPRAGUE (*Edward*[1]) second son was born near 1602. He lived in the parish of Fordington St. George from 1627 to 1633. He removed to Upway and was there residing in 1641 and 1642. His wife's name is not known. The parish registers of Upway which commence in 1654 may disclose later information concerning this family. He was a fuller by trade and called himself 32 on 15 Dec., 1633. (Chancery.)

Children, born and baptized in Fordington St. George:

i. Elizabeth,[3] bp. 1 May, 1627; bur. 24 Sept., 1631.
ii. Edward, bp. 1 Aug., 1630.
iii. William, b. 28 July, 1633; lived in Mill street in 1641; bur. in Fordington St. George, 29 Dec., 1692. He had a son John who lived there.

3 Capt. Richard[2] Sprague (*Edward*[1]) was born in Dorsetshire, England, near 1605, and died at Charlestown, 25 Nov., 1668, aged 63. He married between 27 Aug., 1630, and 11 Oct., 1632, Mary ——, probably Mary Morton. She died at Charlestown shortly before 16 June, 1674. On 27 Aug., 1630, Richard Sprague was admitted to the First Church of Boston apparently as a single man. Among others who were that day admitted was Mary Morton also apparently a singlewoman.

Assuming that the records of the First Church of Boston are complete from the day of its organization to 14 Oct., 1632, then no other singlewoman of the name Mary was admitted during that period.

On 14 Oct., 1632, the church clerk wrote as follows: "Y^e^ names of those members of our Church whoe desirenige dismission from the congregation to enter into a new Church body at Charles Towne did solemnly seek unto God with y^e^ rest of y^e^ Church for direction herein upon y^e^ 11th of Oct. 1632, and were accordingly dismissed on y^e^ 14th day of the same being the Lords day." (Records, First Church of Boston.)

Then follow the names of thirty-five persons, including Ralph Sprague and his wife Joanna and Richard Sprague and Mary his wife.

Alice Rand, widow of Robert Rand of Charlestown was either his sister or a sister to his wife Mary.

Capt. Richard Sprague (c. 1605-68) of Charlestown, and others, acknowledged to the General

Court their sin in subscribing to a seditious writing and were allowed to have their hands crossed out, 15 Nov., 1637. (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 1: 209.)

He was early appointed Sergeant of the Charlestown Military Company whereof his brother Ralph was Lieutenant. Sergt. Sprague was confirmed as Ensign of the Company, 4 Nov., 1646. (Ibid., 2: 66 and 3: 184.)

In 1638 he was admitted to the Military Company of Boston, predecessor of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He was first sergeant of the company in 1652, ensign in 1659 and lieutenant in 1665. (History of Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1: 79.)

At a General Court of Election, held in Boston, 11 May, 1659, Lt. Richard Sprague served as a Deputy from Charles Towne. (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 3: 364.)

At an adjourned session of the Court, 28 May, 1659, "Lt. Richard Sprague, et al. are appointed a comittee to drawe up an order, which may prevent deceipt in making and dressing of cloth, and to present the same to the next sessions of this Court." (Ibid., 3: 380.)

Lt. Richard Sprague served as a Deputy from Charles Towne to the General Court in Boston, 30 May, 1660, at the General Court held in Boston, 19 Dec., 1660, at the General Court of Elections held in Boston, 22 May, 1661, and again at a Special Court assembled, 7 Aug., 1661. (Ibid., 3: 416, 449; 4: 1, 30.)

Capt. Richard Sprague's Will, 1668.

I Richard Sprague of Charlestowne in the Massachusets Colony in New England, yeomn. aged about 63: yeares, and at present sicke and weake, yet through the Lords mercy of sound judgemt & memory Do ordeine & make this my last will & testamt in manner following vizt. my soul wch. I do beleive is imortall, I do humbly & beleiveingly leave it in the everlasting armes & mercyes of God, father, sonne & holy ghost, my body to be decently interred at the discreccon of executrix, & other christian friends, and as for my outward estate I Do Dispose of that in manner following, namely. To my loveing wife Mary Sprague, I Do give & bequeath dureing her life my Dwelling house barne, outhouses, and the moveables that are therein, and all my land and meadow on this side Misticke River and eleven cow comons on the same side of the River in the stinted comon to mee apperteyneing, And after her decease Do Dispose of the aforesaid estate as followeth vizt. The inclosed Pasture and three acres of corne ground, lyng neere to Gm. [Goodman] Leeches, To Nathaniel Rand, and all the rest of the said estate in houses & lands I do give unto Richard Sprague Marrin, sonne of my loveing Bro: Ralph Sprague Deced. And as for the moveable estate, given as above to my wife durei[ng] her life, I do give her full power at her decease to give & bequ the same, as to her shall seeme meet. It. I do give and bequeath to my kinsman Richard Sprague abovenamed, my ware house and wharfe in the Towne, & my three sixteens in the ship Dolphin & my one thirty two part of the ship Society. It. To my kinsman Lt. John Sprague I do give my Buffe Coate, best sword, and two mares with their sucking colts. To my couson Samuel Sprague of Mauldon I do give one mare, and to my couson Phineas Sprague, I do give one mare. It. To Mary the wife of Daniel Edmunds I do give thirty pounds, It. To my Brother Willm Sprague of Hingham I do give & bequeath forty pounds in goods & cattell, and also the Debt that he oweth mee on account. It. To Margery the wife of Laurance Douse, I do give one mare colt. It. To Alice the wife of Thomas Lord I do give one horse colt. It. To Harvard Colledge in Cambr. I do give and bequeath thirty ewe sheep & thirty lambs. It. To the church of Charlestowne, I do give & bequeath the remainder of my interest in those twenty

cow comons which I am to have for mainteyneing the fence agt Mr. Winthrops farme, On condiccon that the Proprietors in yt. comon do release my executrix from any further charge or trouble about the maintenance of the said fence and this to be actually done with in three months after my decease, or otherwise the said comons to be at the Dispose of my executrix, who shall see to the pformance of my covenant for the upholding the aforesaid fence. It. The debts yt. are oweing to mee from mr Thomas Broughton, John Ridgaway, Roger Spencer, & Mr Jno Croad. I do give to my loveing wife to Dispose on among her & my friends as to her shall seem meet. finally I do nominate my loveing wife Mary Sprague to be sole executrix of this my Last Will & testamt and I do intreate my loveing freinds Capt. Jno. Allen, Lt. Randall Nicholls, Sergt. Willm Stitson—and my kinsman Lt. Jno. Sprague to be the overseers thereof, and to be helpfull to my wife therein as any matter may require to whome I do give & bequeath twenty shillings a peece, to be given them in money.

In witness hereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale this 15th. of Sept. Anno Dom. 1668

Sealed & Delived. Richard Sprague
In prsence off us

Postscript. It. I do give & bequeath to my loveing wife Mary Sprague over & above wt. is above particularly expressed, one Bay gelding, and a Roane gelding, one hundred pounds in money, and the shop under the meeting house, also the remainder of the time that I have by Indenture in my Servant Steephen Gary. And I do give her full power to Dispose thereof according as to her shall seeme meet, witnes my hand & seale the day & yeare above named.

Sealed & Delivd. Richard Sprague (Seal)
In prsence off us
Thomas Danforth
Thomas Shepard.
Laur: Hammond

Postscript

Further I do declare it to be my mind & will that in case the Church do not accept ye comons on ye termes (xpounded, that

then the Deacons of the church shall receive of my Executrix thirty pounds in goods out of the shop or in cattle, to be improved for the churches use as they shall see meet. witnes my hand 17-7-68-witnes hereof.

Richard Sprague

Mary Edmands
Thomas Danforth

Further whereas I have some lands on mistick side yt are not particularly mencc̃oned in this my will I do hereby declare yt I do give the said lands & all other th' estate whereof I shall dy seized, whether in possession or reversion & not already desposed & bequeathed by this my will I do give the same to my loveing wife Mary Sprague to her owne xper use to improve ye same for her best good dureing her life & at her decease or before as to her shall seeme meet to distribute ye same among her owne & my relaccons & Kindred & in witnes hereof I do subscribe my hand this 15th. of octob. 1668.

Before the signing hereof I do declare yt the one halfe of my wood lott on mistick side, namely yt pt wch is already layd out shall belong to my dwellinghouse, & after my wifes decease shall be & remayne to my kinsman Richard Sprague—

Richard Sprague

Signed In prsence off
Thomas Danforth
Mary Edmans

Charlestowne, Decemb. 11th. 1668.

Thomas Danforth, Laurance Hamond, & Mary Edmunds being sworne do say that the abovenamed Ri: Sprague decc̃d, being of Sound Judgemt & memory, signed, sealed & declared this instrumt to be his last will & testamt. & that they are witnesses respectively to the severall yts thereof, according as they have thereunto put their names.

Fr Willoughby
Richard Russell
Thomas Danforth R:

Will of Mary Sprague of Charlestown, 1671.

I Mary Sprague the Relict widow of Capt Richard Sprague, lately decēd at Charlestowne; Doe declare and make my last will & Testament in manner & forme foll. viz. My Iмortall soul I doe humbly & beleevingly leave in the everlasting Armes & mercies of God, father, son, & Holy-Ghost. My Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my loving friends. And my outward Estate I do dispose thereof in manner foll.

Imprims: I doe Give and bequeath unto my loving kinsmen, Lt. John Sprague, Samuell Sprague, & Phineas Sprague the one halfe part of that parcell of Marsh wch my husband purchased of their father, the whole peece Conteining by estimation Twenty Acres more or less, and to be equally divided betweene them And the other halfe part of ye said Marsh I doe give & bequeath unto my kinsman Nathaniel Rand. Item. I doe give and bequeath unto my kinsman Nathaniel Rand My now dwelling house and after his decease to be & remaine unto Nathaniel Rand his son, and to his heires & assignes forever. It. I doe give and bequeath to my kinsman Nathaniel Rand my halfe Wood lott on Mystick-side, wch is the second division now to be laid out. It. I doe give & bequeath unto him the said Nathaniel Rand the one halfe part of my moveables in the house, & household goods, viz. Pewter, Brass, Iron-works, bedding, Rugs, blankets, Coverletts, Linnen, & other Lumber-stuffe about the house. It. I doe give & bequeath to Nathaniel Rand, son of Nathaniel Rand the sume of Ten pounds to be paid in money to his father for his use at my decease, & to be kept in his father's hands untill he come of age. It. I give and bequeath my shop adjoyning to Charlestowne Meeting house unto the Church of Charlestowne, to be and remaine to the use of the said Church forever. It. I doe give and bequeath to my kinsman Laurence Dowse my Lott of Marsh lying at Wormwood poynt neer ye mouth of ye South River, and after his death to be & remaine unto his two Daughters, Elizabeth & Mary to be equally divided between them & after their decease to the heires of their bodyes Lawfully begotten. It. I do will & Bequeath to the Children of Thomas Rand & Lawrence Dowse fiftie shillings a peece. It. To my overseers hereafternamed I doe give fortie shillings a peece to be paid in money. It. To Jonathan Edmunds son of Daniel

Edmunds I doe give fiftie shillings in money. It. Th: remainder of my Estate (my debts & Lawfull expences being paid) I doe give & bequeath as foll. viz. To my Loving Brother William Sprague, & to his Children I doe give one fourth part thereof; And my will is — that his Children shall have such a proportion thereof as he shall see meet to bestow on them, & no more. It. To my kinsmen Lt John Sprague, Samuel Sprague, Phineas Sprague, & Daniel Edmunds I doe give one fourth part to be equally divided among them. It. To my Loving Sister Alice Rand I doe give one sixteenth part thereof. It. To my kinsmen Thomas Rand, Nathaniel Rand, Laurence Dowse, Abraham Nowell, Nathaniel Brewer, Thomas Lord, & to Mary Dowse Daughter of Laurence Dowse I doe give to each of them one sixteenth part thereof. And in case any of my Legatees do dye before they receive the Legacies I have given them, my will is yt ye Legacy of the deceased shall go to their Children, or to their next heires. It. I do nominate & appoint my loving kinsmen Lt John Sprague, & Nathaniel Rand to be my Executors of this my will. And I do intreat my loving friends, Deacon William Stitson, Lt Randall Nicholls & John Cutler to be overseers thereto, unto whome I doe give full power to divide both my land & other estate yt is by this my will partable among my Legatees; And in case any doubt shall arise concerning my true meaning & intent in any part of this my will, I do give unto them, or any two of them surviving full power to resolve ye same; And if any of my Legatees rest not satisfyed therein, my will is they shall have (i. e. such Legatee as will not rest satisfyed therewith) no benefit by this my will. In witness hereof I do hereunto put my hand and seale this Twelfth day of November in ye year of our Lord One thousand six hundred & seventy one.

Signed & sealed in ye prsence of
Laur. Hammond
The mark of
Richard R K Kettle

The mark of
Mary X Sprague (Seal)

16. 4. 74.

Capt Laur. Hamond, & Ri: Kettle attested On oath to this will.
T. D. R.

Inventory of the above estate includes the following: —
Cash and plate.

Wearing clothes linnen & woolen.

Her disbursements upon y^e^ new house she dwelt in y^e^ ever loving and disbursed by Natl Rand.

Twenty acres of meadow on Mistick side.

Three acres of meadow at Wormwood point.

The second division of Wood lot on Mistick side.

Debts owing in cash.

Also includes several other items, including:

Brass of severall sorts.

Iron of severall sorts.

Pewter of severall sorts.

An old rug and blankets.

Books & an hour glass.

Six ewe sheep & lambs at Watertowne & y^e^ wooll.

Two oxen & a cow, all to the value off £771. 12*s*. 11*d*.

Submitted as the

Inventory of the estate of Mary Sprague, late of Charlestowne. deceased, as it was apprised by y^e^ psons whose names under written.

Apprised by Laur. Hammond.

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Rehard R K Kettells.

4 WILLIAM[2] SPRAGUE (*Edward*[1]) was born in Dorsetshire, England, near 1610; died at Hingham, 26 Oct., 1675. He married in 1635, MILICENT EAMES, daughter of Capt. Anthony and Margery Eames of Charlestown and Hingham. She died at Hingham, 8 Feb., 1695/6.

He was associated in founding Charlestown with his brother Lt. Ralph and Capt. Richard Sprague from 1629 to 1637. (See Eames, p. 37.)

Children, except eldest, born at Hingham:

i. Anthony,[3] bp. at Charlestown, 23 June, 1636.
ii. John, bp. at Hingham, — Apr., 1638.
iii. Samuel, bp. 24 May, 1640.

iv. Jonathan, bp. 20 Mar., 1641/2; d. 4 July, 1647.
v. Persis, b. 12 Nov., 1643; m. John Doggett.
vi. Joanna, b. — Dec., 1645; m. 16 Dec., 1667, Caleb Church.
vii. Jonathan, b. 28 May, 1648.
viii. William, b. 2 July, 1650.
ix. Mary, b. 25 Apr., 1652; m. Thomas King of Scituate.
x. Hannah, b. 25 Feb., 1654/5; d. 31 Mar., 1658.

For the descendants of this family, see the Sprague Genealogies and Lincoln's Hingham Genealogies, 3 : 163.

THIRD GENERATION

5 Capt. John[3] Sprague (*Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born and baptized in Fordington St. George, Dorset, 23 May, 1624; and died at Malden, 25 June, 1692, aged 68. He married at Malden, 2 May, 1651, Lydia Goffe, daughter of Edward and Joyce Goffe of Cambridge. She was born in England near 1628 and died, a widow, at Malden, 11 Dec., 1715. Her father, Edward Goffe of Cambridge, came to New England in 1635, and made his will, 2 Apr., 1657, in which he mentions his daughter Lydia and his grandchildren John Sprague, Lydia Sprague and Jonathan Sprague. His estate was divided, 26 Dec., 1658, when mention was made of Ensign John Sprague and Lydia Sprague and others.

Children, born at Malden:

9 i. John,[4] b. 9 Mar., 1651/2.

ii. Lydia, b. "about Sept., 1653"; m. 5 July, 1670, Dea. John Greenland of Malden. She d. there, 20 Jan., 1704/5, aged 51 y. 4 m.; buried in Bell Rock Cemetery.

10 iii. Jonathan, b. — Oct., 1656.

11 iv. Samuel, b. 21 Feb., 1658/9.

v. Mary, b. 13 Apr., 1661; not mentioned in her father's will, 31 May, 1692.

12 vi. Edward, b. near 1663.

13 vii. Phineas, b. — Feb., 1665/6.

viii. Hannah, b. near 1668; m. near 1690, Samuel Stowers of Malden. She was alive, 26 Dec., 1721.

ix. Deborah, b. 21 Sept., 1670; m. (1) after 31 May, 1692, William Mellens. She administered upon his estate

5 Aug., 1697. She m. (2) at Malden, 22 Sept., 1697, Samuel Bucknam of Malden. She d. at Malden, 17 Aug., 1751, aged 81. Two children, viz. Deborah Mellens and Deborah Bucknam.

x. Sarah, b. — Feb., 1672/3; m. before 31 May, 1692, Jonathan Fosdick of Charlestown. She was admitted to the First Church of Charlestown, 3 Feb., 1716/7. Five children.

Capt. John Sprague (1624-1692) was about five years of age when his father settled in the Charlestown wilderness. Of his early life on the New England frontier no record has been found. He was evidently an energetic and active settler.

He was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 18 May, 1653.

On 10 Sept., 1653, John Sprague was chosen by the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, one of a committee of three "to lay out the country high-way between Redding [now Wakefield] and Winnesemett [now Chelsea and Revere] . . . . through Maldon bounds." (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 3: 330.)

He served as selectman of Malden, in 1657-59, 1678-82, 1684-92 — seventeen years.

He was Ensign of the Malden militia from 1654 to 1658, and perhaps for a longer period. He served as Lieutenant of the Malden militia from 1664 to 1685.

Lt. John Sprague was commissioned Captain of the Foot Company of Malden, by the General Court, 4 June, 1685, and served in 1686 and 1689.

Capt. Sprague also served as Deacon of the

First Church of Malden, 1680 to 1692. (Corey's History of Malden.)

The General Court Records, 11 July, 1689, read as follows: "The Lieutenant of the Military Foot Company in Malden under the Conduct of Capt. John Sprague Standing in Commission in 1686 having Laid Down His place Joseph Wilson Sen^{r} nominated for Lieutenant of said Company and Phineas Sprague nominated for Ensigne of said Company are Accordingly Allowed and Confirmed in their Respective offices." (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 6 : 61.)

Capt. John Sprague also served as the representative from Malden to the General Court, 5 Nov., 1689, and 12 Feb., 1689/90 ; 8 Oct., 1690 ; 3 Feb., 1690/1 and 14 Apr., 1691 — five sessions.

He was a commissioner to hear small causes in Malden, 1680-82, and was chosen moderator, selectman and clerk of the writs, — Mar., 1684/5.

John Sprague was chosen ensign of the Malden Military Company, 4 Apr., 1654. (Middlesex Court Record, 1 : 53.)

His Homestead.

Capt. John Sprague's Ell Pond Farm, in what is now Melrose, was bounded as follows: Beginning at Spot Pond Brook, below Wyoming Station, and running northeasterly on a straight line on the east side of Cottage street crossing West Foster street and extending both sides of the Boston & Maine Railroad, through land lately owned by William Bogle, thence crossing Essex

and West Emerson streets and Lake avenue in a straight line to Ell Pond, just east of the residence of the late John Skelton, thence northerly, following the brook that runs from Charles street through Otis street, into Ell Pond. From about twenty rods beyond Charles street the line ran straight to Spot Pond Brook and then by the brook to the point of beginning. (Goss's History of Melrose, 81-2.)

The original homestead in 1652 contained 67 acres to which he added by purchase two other lots. His house stood near Barrett's Mount, on the southerly side of Maple street, about twenty rods west of Vinton street. The old cellar was visible within the memory of some who were living in 1900. (Goss's History of Melrose, 82.)

The General Court, 4 June, 1685, entered upon its records its answer to Malden's foot company's petition, as follows:

"In answr to the foot company of Maulden's petic̃on, the Court doe hereby appoint Leift Jn° Sprague to be captaine and grants liberty to Sargt Samuel Sprague to officiate as leiftenñt, and Joseph Wilson to officiat as ensigne under him, said capt. in order to their establishment and being commissioned." (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 5 : 483.)

In the ancient Bell Rock Cemetery stands a gravestone (removed to Forestdale Cemetery) on which the inscription reads as follows:

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
CAPT. JOHN SPRAGUE
AGED 68 YEARS
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE THE 25 DAY
OF JUNE 1692
THE MEMORY OF YE JUST IS BLESSED.

POND FIELD, 1652–1805.

Richard Sprague of Charlestowne in New England "for good and valluable consideraccions" sells unto John Sprague of Maulden in New England "one farme contayneing sixty seaven acre of plowing land and meadow sittuate and lying at a place comonly called L Pond .... with the buildings thereunto belonging, both plowing land, meadowing, feeding ground, timber and all," .... in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale 4th Octob 1652 in the presence of Thomas Squire and Samuel Sprague. Acknowledged 21 Jan. 1661. (Middlesex Deeds, 3: 207.)

Thomas Brattle of Boston, marcht, and Thomas Shepard of Charlestowne, gent^{m} for £74 sell John Sprague of Maulden, yeom land in Maulden by estimation ten acres of upland and foure acres of meadow ... "with all the houseing errected there upon," bounded "south the land of Mrs. Coggan now in the occupaccion of Thomas Greene Jr., on the north the Country way and River, on the south the land of Jno Bunker on the east the Country way," 18 Aug. 1658. Elizabeth Brattle wife of Thomas Brattle and Anna Shepard wife of Thomas Shepard resigned their rights of dower, 17 May 1660. (Ibid. 3: 204.)

Thomas Brattle of Boston, marcht, and Thomas Shepard of Charlestowne gentm for £10 sell John Sprague of Maulden yeom land in Maulden twelve acres bounded on the north the comon and the land of the said John Sprague, on the south the land of Mr. Coggan now in the occupation of Thomas Greene Jr. from a maple tree on the west side of the brooke that runs to the mill to the east end of the said John Spragues stone wall, on the south the land of the said John Sprague, on the east the land of Abram Hill, and part of the brooke that runs to the mill, 13 May 1658. Witnesses: Ric: Sprague and Samuel Sprague. Elizabeth Brat-

tle wife of Thomas Brattle and Anna Shepard wife of Thomas Shepard resigned their rights of dower, 17 May 1660. (Ibid. 3: 206.)

Pond Field and Capt. John Sprague's homestead included the land bounded on the south by West Foster street, Melrose, on the west by Spot Pond brook and on the north by Ell Pond. It passed to Capt. John Sprague's two sons John Sprague, Jr., and Phineas Sprague. The new house stood where now stands the Liberty Bigelow Mansion and the old Sprague house stood west of the new house. The old Sprague house, which was deeded by Phineas Sprague, 3d, (1725-1805), to his son Jonathan Sprague, was at the junction of Maple, Vinton and West Foster streets. In this old house Jonathan Sprague was living as late as 21 Nov., 1805. A short distance west of 123 West Foster street there was then a lane leading to Jonathan Sprague's house in which his ancestors had lived for generations.

MILITARY ORDER TO CAPT. JOHN SPRAGUE, 1691.

To Capt. John Sprague
in Maulden

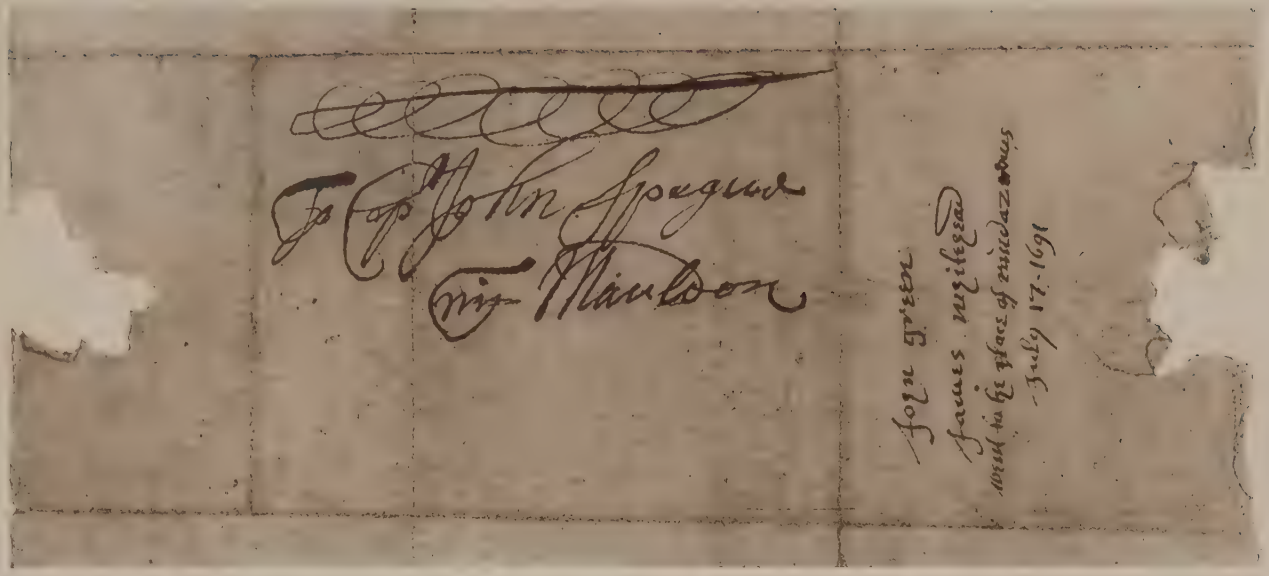
In Pursuance of an Order ffrom the Maj^{e} Gen^{ll} to me directed Bearing date y^{e} 18th of this Instant June: these are in theire Majties Names to Requier you to detach out of yo^{r} Companie Two Able Souldiers well Appointed with Armes & Am̄unition for their Majties Service to defend the ffrounteer Townes & prosecute the Common Enemy.

You are to Cause them to Randevouse at Wooburne by the meeting house on Tusday the Thirtyeth of this Instant at one of the Clock in the Afternune their to Receive farther orders, here-

In Pursuance of an Order from the Rt. hon.ble to me
directed Dated the 10th of this Instant June: these are
in their Maj.ties Name to Require you to detach out
of yo. Company Two Able Soldiers well appointed with
Arms & Ammunition for their Maj.ties Service to defend
the Frontiers Towns & prosecute the Common Enemy
you are to cause them to Randevouse at Woodburne by the
meeting house on Friday the Thirtyeth of this Instant at
one of the Clock in the afternoone there to Receive further
Orders, hereof you may not fail as yo. Peril. Dated
in Charles Towne the 19th of June: 1691. and in the third
yeare of their Maj.ties Reigne

To the Committee
of Militia in
Clarendon —

John Phillips Ch: Mai



MILITARY ORDER TO CAPT. JOHN SPRAGUE AND HIS REPLY
1691

of you may not faile at yo[r] Peril. dated In Charles Towne the 19[th] of June. 1691. and in the Third yeare of their Maj[ties] Reigne.

John Phillips serj[t] Major

To the Committee of Militia in Maulden

His Reply in His Handwriting.

John Green
James Whitehead
went to the place of rendazvous
July 17, 1691

Will of Capt. John Sprague, 1692.

I, John Sprauge Seor of Maldon in the County of Middlesex, in new england yeoman: doe make ordaine and declare mye last will and testament in manner and forme Following: viz: mye Immortall Soule I desire humblye and beleivingly to comit and leave it in the everlasting armes and mercy of god the father Sonne & holye ghost: mye bodye to bee decently buryed at the discretion of mye executors & Friends: and as touching the disposall of all such temporall estate as it hath pleased allmighty god to bestow upon mee: I give and dispose thereof as Followeth: — After mye just debts & funerall charges discharged.

I doe bequeath unto mye deare and loving wife Lydya Sprague twelve pounds a yeare halfe in moneye & the other halfe as good as moneye to bee payd equallye bye all mye executors yearlye & every yeare one halfe the twentye ninth of September the other halfe 25 of march Further: I doe bequeath unto mye Loving wife the west end of my now dwellinge house From the garret to the bottome of the Sellar: during her widdow hood: Further: I doe bequeath unto mye loving wife: two cowes to bee Kept For her winter and Summer: to winter them carefully & well and to Summer them in good english pasture: and my will ise that mye wife Shall have the use of a horse: Further: mye will is that mye wife Shall have a continuall supplye of Firewood wi[n]ter & Summer at the house Fitted to lay on the fire: Further: mye will ise that mye wife Shall have libertye to keepe a swine at the doore alsoo two or three hens: during her

widdowhood: Further: I doe bequeath unto mye wife the bed and bedstead in the lower Roome with all the furniture about it and belonging to it: with the Cubbord standing in the west end of the house in the same Roo[m]e with a quarter part of the pewter: brasse: Iron: and dary vessels belonging to the house: with a quarter part of the linnen: with the table: chaires and formes thereto belonging with a barrel of good cider yearelye and everye yeare put downe into the Sellar: with what apples mye wife shall have ocasion to Spend: Further: if mye wife See cause to marrye: then mye executorse to paye her eight pounds yearlye and everye yeare with her bed and all furniture belonging to it and two payre of Sheets: Further: I doe bequeath unto mye wife a linnen wheele: mye will is that all thes legacyes Shall bee made good to mye wife by mye two executors Samuell and Edward

Lydia Further: mye will is that mye daughter Lydia Greenland Shall have Fortye pounds as moneye or in moneye: with what She hass had alreadye mye executors Shall paye unto Lydia Five pounds within two yeares after my dicease. — and soe on five pounds a yeare untill all bee paid that is to bee paid to her, yearelye and everye yeare.

Hannah Further: mye will is that mye daughter hanna Stowers Shall have Fortye pounds in moneye or as moneye with what shee hass had alredye. mye executors Shall paye unto my daughter hanna five pound within one yeare: after mye decease — and soe on five pounds a yeare yearelye & everye yeare untill all is paid.

Deborah Further: unto mye daughter deborah Sprague Shall have Fortye eight poundes in money or as moneye mye executors shall paye unto mye daughter deborah ten pounds within one yeare after my dicease:— and soe on five pounds a yeare yearlye and everye yeare untill all is paid:

Sarah Further: I give unto my daughter Sarah Fosdick Fortye eight pounds in moneye or as moneye. mye executors Shall paye unto mye daughter Sarah ten pounds within one yeare: after mye decease and soe on five pounds a yeare: yearlye and everye yeare untill all is paid.

Item: I give unto my two Sonnes John Sprague & Phinehas Sprague all mye lands meadow and upland Lying and beeing

neere El pond bounded on the west bye Spot pond River: north and northwest bye Maldon Common & the greens bye haywardse landse on the east with all mye housing on the lands

Item: I give unto mye two Sonnes above named Six acres of Salt mash Lying and being in Charlstowne bounded on the west bye a small River; on the east bye the land of Beniamin Switser: on the south bye the Land of Samuell Sprague bye Stakes &c on the north bye nathaniell Land: more or Lesse.

Item: I give unto mye two Sonnes John Sprague & Phineas Sprague: 3 acres of Salt marsh more or lesse in Maldon neere unto or bounded bye Capt: wayt: on the east: hayward on the west: South: bye the upland: north bye a small River.

Item: I give unto John Sprague my Sonne the little Round meadow that the afforesd John Sprague had of Samuell hayward: all the Landse above named together upland and meadow Shall bee equally divided: betwixt them for the quantye of the landse provided: John Shall possess & enjoy the west side on which his housing standse the landse about the housing: to bee equallye divided betwixt them and phinehas that side next unto the haywardse lande

Item: I give unto my two Sonnes Samuell & Edward Sprague all the Rest of my Landse Lying and beeing in maldon: on the west side of a fresh River that Runnse downe to mr lanes mill and on the west side of the high waye that Runnse downe to a bridge, comonlye caled Lewes Bridge both meadow and upland to bee equalye divided betwixt mye two Sonnes Last named. —with two acres of Salt marsh Lyinge neere unto the Sand Bank or landing place with ten acres of marsh Lying and beeing in charlestowne eight acres of it Lying betwixt the great Salt River & Blanchers farme and two acres more or Lesse Lying and beeing in the Farme which marsh I bought of John Guppe. Further: I give unto mye two Sonnes last named all mye wood lots which I bought of Jonathan Sprague, Philip atwood, Phinehas upham and Thomas barlow; Lying in and amongst the Charlstowne lots

Item: the east end of my dwelling house I give unto mye Sonne Samuell; all the Rest of mye out housing: as barnse Cowhousse, stables and other housing to bee divided equallye betwixt mye two Sonnes Edward and Samũell; mye orchardse

belonging to thes: mye housinge I give unto thes mye two Sonnes to bee equallye divided

Item: to mye Sonne Edward I give fiftye poundse in or as moneyes to bee payd hem within one yeare after mye decease: — and untill Edward is payd this Fifty poundse in housing or in or as moneyes hee Shall have his beeing in this mye house with mye Sonne Samuell: untill his hous: is Finished: or money payd to the afforsd Edward: and Edward Shall have the Shop for his use untill Edward has provided a Shop to worke in:

Item: For Phinehas house at the farme above it shall bee finished as Followeth: the Roof borded and Shingled: the bodye of the house clabborded: the floores all, all Layd: stayres and doares and pertitions made: the house brickt from the Sils to the platse: and two Brick chimneys built up from the bottome to the top and glaced: and this is to be done out of the estate bye mye executors:

Item: To mye Sonne Jonathan I give Fortye pounds: to bee paid in moneye or as moneye provided that Jonathan cleares the executors of Capt. haymanse Bond of Fiftye foure pounds: and Intrest due: within a twelve month and a daye after my decease: otherwis mye gift of Fortye pounds to Jonathan Shall bee voyd and of noe force: — and mye executors paying thee bond Shall have the benefit of the mortgage: —

Further in case Jonathan clears the executors of the bond: — then the executors are to paye Jonathan his legacye yearlye & everye yeare five pounds untill Forty pound iss paid;

Furthermore I give unto my foure Sonnes John Sprague Samuell Sprague Edward Sprague & Phinehas Sprague — all the Rest of mye mooveable estate within doorse and without which I have not disposed of to mye loving wife: Equallye betwixt them; and I doe make constitute and ordaine thes mye foure Sonnes: John Sprague: Samuell Sprague Edward Sprague & Phinehas Sprague mye joint executors For the due and true Fulfilling & performance of this my last will & testament: Contained in five sides of paper: in Witnes hereunto I have Set my hand and Seale this 31st. of May one thousand Six hundred ninetye and two and in the Fourth yeare of the Reign of King William & Queen Mary of ever Blessed memorye

John Sprague Si° (Seal)

Signed: Sealed and) Samuell Sprague Senior
Delivered in) Samuel Sprague iunor
presence of) Phinehas Sprague —

Further: I doe constitute and apoint mye Loving Friends: Samuell Sprague sen. & Henrye Greene to be mye overseers of this mye will: for which Service I doe Freely allow them ten Shillings each of them

Febr: 6: 92/3: Samll. Sprague Senr. & Samll. Sprague Junr. and Phineas Sprague prsonally appearing before ye. Honourable James Russell Esqr. Judge of Probate &c in ye. County of Middx. & made oath that they were prsent & Saw ye. Subscriber Jno. Sprague Sign & seal & heard him declare this to be his last will

Samll. Phipps Regr. Juratr. Cora | Ja Russell

6 Capt. Richard[3] Sprague (*Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born probably in England near 1628; died at Charlestown, 7 Oct., 1703. He married (1) at Charlestown, 25 Feb., 1672/3, Eunice Chester, daughter of Leonard and Mary Chester of Watertown and Wethersfield, Conn. (Her mother married (2) Hon. Richard Russell of Charlestown.) She was born at Wethersfield, Conn., 15 June, 1645, and died at Charlestown, 27 May, 1676. He married (2) at Charlestown, 7 May, 1679, Katharine (Richardson) Anderson, widow of Capt. David Anderson of Charlestown. She was a daughter of Amos and Mary Richardson, born in Boston, 6 Jan., 1654/5. She died at Charlestown, 22 July, 1701, aged 45. No children.

He was a sea-captain commanding the pink *Consent* for Nevis and St. Christophers in 1664

and owner of the ship *Nevis Merchant* in 1687 whereof Timothy Clark, his brother-in-law, was master.

Capt. Richard Sprague (c. 1628-1703) of Charlestown served as a Deputy therefrom to the General Court, 24 May, 1682 (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 5 : 351). At the same time he served on the committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts. At an adjourned session, 27 May, 1682, he was appointed a member of a committee "to examine the colledge account . . . . to consider what is meet to be allowed and given to the stewards that have had the management thereof . . . . making return of what they doe at October session." (Ibid. 5 : 360.)

The aforesaid committee reported to the General Court, 18 Oct., 1682, "that the accounts of the stewards of the stocke contributed for the building of the colledge" was approved as "faire and honest, only the value of tenn pounds . . . . in nayles omitted to be valued and recomended it to the General Court to consider them for their paynes." (Ibid. 5 : 380.)

This committee made another report on the Treasurer's account, 30 Mar., 1683. (Ibid. 5 : 393.)

Capt. Richard Sprague was again appointed on a committee to examine the Treasurer's Account by the General Court, 10 Oct., 1683. (Ibid. 5 : 416.) He also reported on the audit of the accounts of the "late John Hull, sometime Treasurer, dec'd," 5 Dec., 1683. (Ibid. 5 : 427.)

He was appointed by the General Court, 6 May, 1685, on a committee to "revise the lawes." (Ibid. 5 : 473.) The committee made its return that they had "transferred the lawes lately made to their propper heads in the former transcript," 27 May, 1685. (Ibid. 5 : 476.)

He was again appointed on a committee by the General Court to take the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1684 and give the Treasurer a full discharge thereupon, 4 June, 1685, (Ibid. 5 : 484, 487); and on another committee to consider the affairs of the proprietors of Watertown and reported to General Court, 8 July, 1685. (Ibid. 5 : 491.)

He served as a Deputy to the General Court from Charlestown, 11 May, 1681. (Ibid. 5: 308). At this session he was appointed on a committee to inquire concerning the present state of the Province of Maine and the settlement of Fort Loyall. (Ibid. 309.)

Again he served as Deputy from Charlestown, 16 May, 1683, 7 Nov., 1683, 27 May, 1685, and 13 May, 1686. (Ibid. 5 : 407, 420, 475, 514.)

The General Court ordered, 16 Mar., 1680/1, that Capt. Richard Sprague "be captaine of the second company in Charlestown, John Cutler, Sr., to be his lieutenant and Joseph Lynde his ensigne." (Ibid. 5 : 307.)

He was chosen selectman of Charlestown, 3 Mar., 1689/90.

He was a member of the Council of Safety, at its meetings in 1689 on Apr., 20, 24, 25, 29, 30,

May 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, 22 and 25. He was the representative from Charlestown, 3 June, 1689, and 5 July, 1689, served on a committee appointed to send fifty soldiers to Maine to reinforce the garrisons of several towns. He was Captain of the Charlestown Military Company, 11 July, 1689, but Capt. Richard Sprague *et al* of Charlestown, having "behaved themselves contemptuously against the Government of this Colony were dismissed from military office."

The administration of Edmund Andros ended 18 Apr., 1689, when the people of Boston seized him and his subordinates and imprisoned them.

Capt. Richard Sprague was again chosen representative from Charlestown and served 31 May, 1693, 8 Nov., 1693, 27 May, 1696, and 25 May, 1698.

On 12 Dec., 1693, he served on a committee to fit out a small vessel to cruise on this coast for the better securing of Trade and Navigation.

Richard Sprague aged forty years or thereabouts [b. near 1631] testifieth and saith that hee being Master of the ship *Arabella* did for the account and in the behalfe of Mr. Thomas Knight, owner of the said ship in London disburst in money three pounds seven shillings for cloths and other charges and disbursements upon Robert Collins who came to New England in the said ship, a servant to the said Mr. Knight; he also testifieth the said Collins was kept on board with meat, drink and lodgen in the ship upon account of Mr. Knight five weeks before the ship sayled from Gravesend.

Taken upon oath the 11th of Sept. 1671, before Richard Cooke, Commissioner. (Suffolk County Court Files, 1081, Vol. 11: 98.)

Richard Sprague of Charlestown, merchant, "for y^e^ great love wch I beareth to my loving and well beloved Brother John Sprague of Malden" sells him "my Mansion house, outhousing and land lying in Charlestown near y^e^ Meeting-house, bounded west with the Town highway, east w^th^ Mrs. Mary Long, John Nowel and Joseph Kettle, north w^th^ the Town highway and south w^th^ Richard Foster." Also a farm "at y^e^ Neck of Land now in the occupation of William Richardson," containing a dwelling house, barn, outhousing and homestead of four acres. Also four acres "near ye top of Bunker's hill," and other lots, 20 Feb. 1687 — eighty-eight years before the battle of Bunker Hill. (Middlesex Deeds, 10: 87.)

WILL OF CAPT. RICHARD SPRAGUE, 1703.

In the Name of God Amen this fifth day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and three and in the second yeare of the Raign of our Soveraign Lady Anne Queen of England &c. I Richard Sprague of Charlstowne in the County of Middsx within her Majties Province of the Massachusets bay in New England Marcht being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory and good understanding praised be god for the same, and knowing the unceratinty of this Transitory Life on Earth and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please god to Call. Do make and Ordaine this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following, and by it adnulling all and every other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made or declared either by word or writeing. That is to say first and principally I Commend my soul to Almighty God my Creatoure hopeing and believing to receive full pardon and free remission of all my sins and be saved by the precious death and merrits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus. And my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be therin buried in a

decent and Christian manner According to the discression of my Executors — hereafter named. and as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in marcy hath Lent me my will and meaning is that all my just debts which I owe in right or Conscience to any person or persons — and my funerall Charges be paid and satisfyed by my Executors — in Convenient time after my decease. Ite: I do give and bequeath unto the Church of Christ in Charlstown one hundred pounds in money part therof to be laid out & invested into four Silver Tankards for the sacremental use and the Rest of said sum to be disposed of by the Deacons of sd Church or their sucsessors for the best advantage of sd Church. 2 ly Ite: I do give and bequeath unto the Reverand Mr Simon Bradstreet his heires or Assigns fifty pounds in money. 3 ly Ite: I do give and bequeath unto the Reverend Mr. Michael Wigglesworth Twenty pounds in money. 4 ly Ite: I do give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Edmands and her two Children five hundred pounds in money: 5 ly Ite: I do give and bequeath unto John Sprague Jonathan Sprague Samuel Sprague Edward Sprague & Phineas Sprague the five sons of my eldest Brother John Sprague decd. and to Samuel Sprague and John Sprague the two sons of my Brother Samuel Sprague decd all that my farm hous Land woodlots or Tenement now in the Tenour Occupation and improvement to Charles Hunuwell to them their heires and Assigns forever and also to each of my said seven neffues Twenty pounds in money: the sd Tenement aforesaid to be equaly divided among my seven Cosens aforesaid: 6 ly Ite: I do give and bequeath unto my Cosens Lydia Greenland wife of John Greenland and Hannah Stowers wife of Samuel Stowers and Deborah Buckman wife of Samll: Buckman and Sarah Fosdick wife of Jonathan Fosdick daughters of my sd Brother John Sprague deceased: and to Winefred Dexter daughter of My brother Samll: Sprague decd: each of them sixty pounds in money and to my Cosen Rebeka Austin wife of Ebenezer Austin daughter of my said Brother Samuell Sprague decd: Eighty pounds in money: 7 thly Ite: I do give and bequeath to Daniel Smith of Charlstowne Gunsmith forty shillings money and to Prudence Doel Twenty pounds. 8 ly Ite: I do give and bequeath unto Nathll: Dows of Charlstowne Glaser my Cloak. 9 ly: Ite: I do give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Edmands abovemen-

tioned my Silver Tankard over and above what I have above given her: all the rest of my plate to be sold and Invested into money also I do give unto my said sister Mary Edmands my Dwelling house and Land adjoinging dureing her Natural Life: and the furniture of one Chamber which my said sister shall Chose and after my said sisters deceas I do give and bequeath my said Dwelling house and the Land adjoining to be disposed of for the use and benefit of the poor of the Town of Charlstowne forever and also the housholdstuf not before given and bequeathed I do give to be disposed of for the anual benefit of the poor of sd Towne: 10 ly: Ite: I do give and bequeath all my wareing Apparel (that is not before given) both Linen and woollen unto Jonathan Edmands Eliazer Dows and Ebenezer Austin to be equaly devided among them. 11 ly: I do give and bequeath the hous and Land mr. Simon Bradstreet now possesseth unto my said sister Mary Edmands dureing her Natural Life after that to mr. Bradstreet aforesaid dureing his Continuance in the work of the Ministry in the Towne of Charlstowne The Town paying the sum of Ten pounds according to the Towns vote for the Rent therof And after sd mr. Simon Bradstreets death or discontinuance in the work of the Ministry in this sd Town of Charlstowne I do give and bequeath unto the said Town of Charlstowne the said house and Land to be and remaine for the use of the Ministry in said Town forever and not to be allinated or disposed of for any other use or uses whatsoever.

12 ly: Item I do give and bequeath unto John Sprague son of Samll: Sprague decd Thirty pounds more then what I have before given him. Ite: I do give and bequeath unto Harvard Colledge in Cambridge the sum of four hundred pounds in money to be disposed of for the publick benefit of the same according to the discression and management of the Now President and the Honble: Jno Leverate mr. William Brattle and mr. Simon Bradstreet: and further I do give unto the pore of the Town of Charlstowne my fourth part of the Sloop friendship the same to be put to Intrest for the use of the pore aforesd to be managed by the Selectmen of said Town. 13 thly: Ite: I do give and bequeath unto my Cosen Mary Everton the sum of Thirty pounds money and to her Daughter so much more then what I have in my hands of hers as to make the whole sum Twenty pounds. 14 ly Ite: I do

give and bequeath unto the other five daugters of my Brother Phineas Sprague decd: one hundred and fifty pounds money to be equally Devided them or I would say among them: and whatsoever of my Estate either debts goods wares marchandize whatsoever is are or shall hereafter be due owing or belonging unto me I do give and bequeath (Excepting what is given as aforsd unto my said sister Mary Edmands and the Children of my brother John Sprague and my brother Samll Sprague) in Equal proportion acording to their Legacies aforesaid and I do Nominate and Appoint my said sister Mary Edmands and my Cosen John Sprague son of my brother John Sprague decd: to be the joint Executrix & Executrs of my last will and Testament: And I do desire and Appoint my Loving friends Nathll Dows and Ebenezer Austin to be Overseers of this my will and do herby give and bequeath unto each of them five pounds in money to say five pounds to Nathll: Dows five pounds to sd Ebenezer Austin for their Care and trust I put in them to advise true performance of this my Last will & Testament. In witnes wherof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & yeare first written.

Signed Sealed & published by the before Named Richard Sprague to be his Last will & Testament before us witnesses
John Fowl
Samll Dows
Joseph Lemon
Thomas Lord

Richard Sprague

Middlesx. ss. Cambridge Octobr. 18th 17[03]
The Last Will and Testamt of Capt Richard Sprague on the other and above-written being the day & year above menc̃oned psented mr. Nathl Dows, Mrs. Mary Edmands and Mr. John Sprague the Execx & Execr therin nominated Accepting ye burden of the sd Capt. mr. John Fowle Samll Dows & Thos Lord made Oath they were psonally prest. and did see the abovenamed Capt. Richd. Sprague sign & seal and heard him publish & declare the same to be his Last Will and Testamt yt. he was of sound & disposing mind to their apprehensions and that they togethr wth Lemon set their hands thereto as witnesses

Cor Jon Leverett J Prob

A Codicil to the before written will. I Richard Sprague before in these presents named upon further and deliberate Consideration do se good to add to the Legacies above named these Legacies following viz I do this my Last will and testament give and bequeath unto the free school in Charlstown fifty pounds money to be put to Interest by the selectmen or Tresr anually for the use of said school the Interest only to be spent yearly for the end aforesaid the principal not to be used any otherwayes but by Letting for Lawfull Interest and the Interest to be anually improved as aforesd. Item I do further declare as my Last will and Testament that I do give and bequeath unto my sister Clark wife of Capt Timo Clark of Boston all the silk wareing Cloaths of my Last wife

In witnes wherof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the sixst day of October aforesaid

Signed sealed & published by sd Richard Sprague as a Codicil or suplement to his before written will before us
wittnesses =
Samuel Read
Jona Edmand
Nathll Dows

mark
Richrd Sprague (Seal)

preedict die 18° Octobr Anno preedict Messrs Samuel Reed Jona Edmonds & Nathaniel Dows prsonally appearing made oath that they were present and did see the above named Capt Richd Sprague sign and seal and heard him publish the Imdiately above-written as a codicil or supplemt to his before-written will, and that he was of a sound and weldisposing mind to their apprehension, and that they the Depenents did subscribe their hands thereunto as Witnesses

Cor Jon: Leverett J. Prob

It will be observed that Capt. Richard Sprague provided that four silver tankards be given for sacramental use to the First Church of Charlestown. One of them had the following inscription engraved upon it: "This tankard, with three

large flagons, was given to the Church in Charlestown by Richard Sprague, Esq. — a liberal benefactor to the Church and poor of said town, A. D. 1703." The flagons were sold by vote of the church 17 June, 1800. (Budington's History of the First Church of Charlestown, 240.)

7 Lt. Samuel[3] Sprague (*Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was baptized at the First Church of Boston, 3 June, 1631 or 1632; died at Malden, 3 Oct., 1696, aged 65. He married in Boston, 23 Aug., 1655, Rebecca Crawford, only daughter of John Crawford, who was drowned in the Charles River at Watertown, 12 Aug., 1634. Her mother Winifred ——, married (2) John Wolcott of Watertown, and (3) Thomas Allyn of Barnstable. (Bond's Watertown 668, and Thomas Allyn's Will.) Rebecca was born near 1633 and married (2) at Malden, 24 June, 1697, Capt. John Brown of Reading (now Wakefield). She died at Reading, 8 July, 1710, in her 77th year and was buried in what is now Wakefield.

The division of the estate of Lt. Samuel Sprague of Malden who died intestate was made, 3 Oct., 1696. It mentions his widow Rebecca, eldest son Samuel Sprague, youngest son John Sprague, son-in-law John Dexter who married Winifred daughter of the deceased, his son-in-law Ebenezer Austin who married Rebecca, another daughter of the deceased. Witnesses: Phineas Sprague, Samuel Howard and James Converse. (Middlesex Probate, 9: 146-151.)

Children, born at Malden:

i. Rebecca,[4] d. 15 Aug., 1658.
ii. Samuel, b. 4 May, 1660; d. young.
14 iii. Samuel, b. — May, 1662.
iv. Rebecca, b. — Sept., 1666; d. young.
15 v. John, b. near 1670; alive 3 Oct., 1696.
vi. Winifred, b. 3 Dec., 1672; m. Dea. John Dexter of Malden. She d. at Malden, 5 Dec., 1752, a. 80. One of her sons was Rev. Samuel Dexter (1700–55), a graduate of Harvard College in 1720, and minister at Brimfield, Medford, Westborough, Yarmouth and Dedham.
vii. Rebecca, b. in 1675; m. 27 Jan., 1691/2, Ebenezer Austin of Charlestown; d. at her son's in Boston, 10 Nov., 1769, a. 94. (Boston Gazette of 13 Nov., 1769.)

Lt. Samuel Sprague (c. 1631-1696) with his sister Mary Sprague made choice of his uncle Richard Sprague of Charlestown for his guardian, 7 Oct., 1651.

He was fined twenty shillings and costs in 1672, for "enterteyneing persons in his family at unreasonable times." (Middlesex Court Records, 3 : 34.)

Mr. Corey tells an interesting story illustrative of Mr. Sprague's character. It appears that Thomas Shepherd called Samuel Sprague "a bays villaine" and said, "when ever I see you mye spirit Rises at you and Wherever I meet with you I shall Remember you." Thomas Mudge, a Malden boy, "did heare Thomas Shepherd: strike Samuel: Sprague two blows." Mr. Sprague struck not back but said: "what dost thou meane to playe the foole: I: am Resolved: I: will: not strike." (Corey's History of Malden, 122.)

His horse was impressed for military service in King Philip's War in Aug., 1675. (Mass. Archives 67 : 265.)

He was chosen Sergeant of the Malden Foot Company in 1682, and was appointed on a committee to repair the meeting house, 28 Aug., 1682.

Sergeant Samuel Sprague was ordered by the Selectmen of Malden to be a tithingman* in the meeting house on the Lord's Day, alternating first in the gallery and then on the floor below, 27 Oct., 1684. (Corey's History of Malden, 344.)

Sergeant Samuel Sprague was appointed Lieutenant of the Malden Foot Company of which his brother John was commissioned Captain, 4 June, 1685. (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 5 : 483.) He resigned this office in 1689.

He wrote a letter to Rev. Michael Wigglesworth dated 22 July, 1687, which letter was extant in 1849.

He was commissioned "to joyne with the Townes men to make the country rate, in Aug., 1687." (Corey's History, pp. 280, 350.)

He was appointed on a committee to defend

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* A Tithingman in early New England days was an officer elected each year to exercise a general moral police (derived from the constabulary functions of the English tithingman) in the town. His functions were confined to preserving order during divine service and enforcing attendance upon it. In Malden the tithingman was elected each year at the annual town meeting till 4 Mar., 1844, when it was voted "to dispense with the choice of a tythingman."

The tithingman in New England, 1630 to 1820, was a Sunday Constable whose special duty it was, in the old parish meeting houses, to quiet the restlessness of youth and to disturb the slumbers of the aged. (Century Dictionary 8 : 6356.)

the town of Malden from further demands of Rev. Benjamin Blackman, 21 May, 1688. (Ibid. 255.) And was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 22 Mar., 1689/90.

He was elected a selectman of Malden, 2 Mar., 1680/1, and again 8 Mar., 1686/7, and was chosen moderator of the town meeting, 28 Jan., 1694/5.

It is stated in the Ralph Sprague Genealogy that his "house in Malden stood on the south side of the present Pleasant street, east of the river and not far from the Coytmore mill."

He was appointed Clerk of the Writs to take account of all Births and Deaths in and to act in said office according to the order of the President and Council. Apparently he served from 1686 to 1693.

"Clark" Samuel Sprague had 8 acres 40 poles granted to him in the First Division, 8 acres 40 poles in the Second Division, 2 acres 119 poles in the Third Division, one acre 5 poles in the Fourth Division and 2 acres 119 poles in the Second Division, west side, of the commons of Malden, 30 May, 1695. He was chosen tithingman, 9 Mar., 1695/6.

In Bell Rock Cemetery his inscription reads :

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
LIEUTENANT
SAMUEL SPRAGUE
AGED 65 YEARS
DIED OCTOBER 3
1696
YE MEMORY OF YE JUST IS BLESSED.

8 Ensign PHINEAS[3] SPRAGUE (*Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was baptized at Charlestown, 31 July, 1637; died at Malden, 23 Jan., 1690/1. He married (1) at Malden or Charlestown, 11 Dec., 1661, MARY CARRINGTON, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Carrington of Charlestown. She was born near 1642 and died at Malden, 7 Dec., 1667. Her father in his will proved 29 Sept., 1684, gave to his granddaughter Mary Sprague "the end of house that Elizabeth Stacy lives in." He married (2) at Malden, 5 Jan., 1669/70, SARAH HASEY, daughter of Lt. William and Sarah Hasey of Boston and Reading. She married (2) in 1691, Moses Tyler of Andover. She died at Andover, 3 May, 1718.

Child by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Mary,[4] called eldest daughter, m. before 21 Oct., 1687, Fownell Everton of Charlestown. Edward Carrington, her grandfather, gave her a legacy in 1684. She was a widow living in Boston, 18 Feb., 1703/4.

Children by second wife, born at Malden:

ii. Phineas, b. 27 Dec., 1670; eldest son; d. before 11 Apr., 1704.

iii. William, b. 21 Nov., 1672; second son; d. before 11 Apr., 1704.

iv. Ralph, b. — Nov., 1674; third son; d. before 11 Apr., 1704.

v. Martha, b. ——, 1676; "bewitched" in the delusion of 1692; m. at Andover, 5 June, 1701, Richard Friend of Salem, a seaman.

vi. Katherine, b. — near 1682; m. at Andover, 3 May, 1705, Capt. Timothy Johnson of Andover. She d. there 22 Feb., 1758, in her 77th year.

vii. Asa, fourth son, d. at Boxford, 3 Apr., 1693.

viii. Sarah, b. 23 Apr., 1686; m. at Andover, 13 Jan., 1702/3, Ebenezer Stevens of Andover, a weaver. (See p. 73, above.)

ix. Joanna, b. 17 Apr., 1688; m. at Andover, 25 May, 1708, James Frye, Jr., of Andover.

x. Abigail, b. 1 Mar., 1690/1; m. 28 Mar., 1710, at Andover, Daniel Lovett of Mendon. She d. at Mendon, 13 Apr., 1718.

Ensign Phineas Sprague (1637-1691) was three times a soldier in King Philip's War. His first service was in Major Simon Willard's Company being credited there, 24 Aug., 1675. He next served in Lt. William Hasey's Company and received six shillings, 5 Oct., 1675. His third service was in Capt. Thomas Wheeler's Company for which he received £1: 12: 4 on 24 June, 1676. (Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 114, 126.)

He was selected in Feb., 1678/9, to act with the selectmen of Malden in settling with Rev. Benjamin Blakeman, colleague of Rev. Michael Wigglesworth, and to purchase Mr. Blakeman's land which was to be and remain forever for the use of the ministry. On 4 Mar., 1678/9, they took the deed.

The town of Malden voted that he should be "joined to the Townes men in repairing the meeting house," 28 June, 1686. (Corey's History of Malden, 212).

He was appointed Ensign of the Malden Foot Company and confirmed by the General Court, 11 July, 1689. (Mass. Bay Colony Records, 6: 61).

He was made a freeman, 22 Mar., 1689/90, and chosen representative from Malden to the

General Court, 1 July, 1689, sharing the honors with his brother Capt. John Sprague also of Malden, but was not present at the sessions of the General Court.

The estate of Phineas Sprague, late of Malden, dec'd, was administered upon 13 Oct., 1691, mentioning his widow and ten children. Inventory amounted to £449 : 2 : 6. The committee to divide the property called Phineas ye eldest son, William ye 2d son, Ralph ye 3d son, Asa ye 4th son, Mary (now Everton) ye eldest daughter, Martha ye 2d daughter, Katherine ye 3d daughter, Sarah ye 4th daughter, Johannah ye 5th daughter, and Abigail ye 6th daughter. (Middlesex Probate, 21082.)

Final settlement of the estate did not take place until 18 Feb., 1703/4. On that date his heirs sold their entire farm, partly in Malden and partly in Charlestown to Jacob Wilson of Malden for £290. The deed mentions the following as heirs: Mary Everton of Boston, widow, eldest daughter, Richard Friend of Salem, seaman and his wife Martha, Katherine Sprague of Andover, spinstress, Ebenezer Stevens of Andover, weaver and his wife Sarah, Joanna Sprague and Abigail Sprague, both of Andover, spinsters and Moses Tyler of Andover, husbandman and Sarah his wife, formerly relict of the said Phineas Sprague. (Middlesex Deeds, 13 : 545.)

Mary Everton of Boston, widow, eldest daughter of Phineas Sprague, late of Malden, dec'd 21 Jan., 1690/1, have received of my honored father's estate *and of the estate of three of my brethren* viz. *Phineas, William and Ralph* the whole sum of £47 in money in full of my portion of said estates and I acquit my father-in-law Moses Tyler and my mother-in-law Sarah Tyler, administrators to my said father's estate of any further demands, 11 Apr., 1704. (Middlesex Probate, 13 : 536.)

The sons of Ensign Phineas Sprague of Malden died before 11 Apr., 1704. These sons were not included among the heirs to his estate, 18 Feb., 1703/4.

His inscription in Bell Rock Cemetery reads as follows:

HERE LYES THE
BODY OF PHINEHAS
SPRAGUE AGED 53
YEARS DIED YE 23 OF
JANUARY 1690/1.

FOURTH GENERATION

9 JOHN[4] SPRAGUE, JR. (*Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 9 Mar., 1651/2; and was killed by a limb of a tree of his own felling at Malden, 16 Dec., 1703, aged 51 y. 9 m. 6 d. He married near 1676, ELIZABETH STOWER, daughter of Richard and Joanna Stower of Charlestown. She was born near 1652 and died at Malden, a widow, 28 Sept., 1736, in her 85th year.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Elizabeth,[5] b. near 1677; m. near 1697, Samuel Sweetser of Charlestown and Malden. He was b. at Charlestown, 1 Aug., 1673; d. at Malden, 18 July, 1757, a. 83. She d. at Malden, 12 Mar., 1751/2, a. 75. Ten children.

16 ii. Stower, b. near 1683.

iii. John, b. 28 July, 1685; d. before 16 Dec., 1703.

iv. Abiah, b. 21 Aug., 1687; m. at Charlestown, 17 May, 1708, William Boardman of Lynn (Saugus) and Chelsea. He d. 10 Oct., 1753, in his 68th year. Eight children.

v. Mary, b. 27 Nov., 1689; m. at Charlestown, 7 Apr., 1715, Nathaniel Tufts. She d. at Charlestown, 15 Dec., 1715, in her 27th year. No children.

vi. Hannah, b. near 1692; placed under guardianship of her mother, 8 May, 1704, aged 12 years and upwards. She was alive and unmarried, 20 July, 1732.

John Sprague (1652-1703) served in Major Simon Willard's Company in King Philip's War and was credited to Malden Towne, 24 Aug., 1676, with seven shillings for his services. (Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 126, 375.)

He was chosen a surveyor at the town meeting in Malden, 30 Dec., 1678, and was a constable of Malden, 25 Sept., 1686. (Corey's History of Malden, 278, 340.)

His wife's father early erected "a house of entertainment" which stood in that part of old Malden (now Everett) at the southerly junction of Broadway and Bow street. Richard Stower died 10 July, 1693, and the house came into possession of John Sprague and remained in possession of Mr. Sprague and his descendants after the beginning of the nineteenth century. It was standing until 1894, and was later known as the Flagg house. It stood in early times next to Penny Ferry on Mystic Side. Here Samuel Sewall visited 21 Feb., 1697/8.

As his home was a long distance from the meeting house, the town allowed him to set two stables near the meeting house in Jan., 1698/9. (Ibid. 290, 211.) He took a lease of "White Island and sedge bank by it" — the land now in the Mystic which is crossed by the Eastern division of the Boston & Maine R. R. — for a period of seven years from 6 July, 1697. (Ibid. 493.)

In the course of time it became necessary to make an addition to the Malden meeting house and 19 June, 1702, John Sprague and three others in behalf of "all ye Inhabitants of Mistickside: y^{t} are our Charlestown naightbours promised £30, provided this meting will pas a vote to Remove ye pulpitt to ye west side and that the Charlestown neighbors shall have a right to seats

under the same rules as the inhabitants of Malden have."

14 June, 1703, John Sprague, Sr., and others gave up their seats in the meeting house to the town in order to enlarge the house, and 5 Nov., 1703, it was voted that John Sprague *et al.* have "liberty to finish up y^{t} vacant place between Col. Pages pew and y^{e} stayres: flush out with Col. Page's pew: and it shall be for them and there wifes conveneanc."

Mr. Sprague's premature death undoubtedly prevented this work, for in 1704, Samuel Stower of Mystic Side and his sister Widow Elizabeth Sprague had "liberty to buld a pew on y^{e} east side of y^{e} south dore provided y^{t} when either of these parsons dye or remove from this meting: y^{t} there pew shall return to y^{e} town." (Corey's History, 209, 213.)

Mr. Sprague was made a freeman, 22 Mar., 1689/90. His widow made her will, 20 July, 1732, and it was probated 29 Nov., 1736. In it she mentions her son Stower Sprague and his son John, her daughters Elizabeth Sweetser, Abiah Boardman and Hannah Sprague, her sister Sarah Emerson of Charlestown to be executrix and her grandchildren, viz: John, Elizabeth and Mary Sprague, Joseph Sweetser, Elizabeth Tufts and John Boardman, Mary Boardman and Sarah Boardman and her great grandchild Elizabeth Sweetser. (Middlesex Probate, 20: 314.)

He was called John Sprague, Jr., on the town records of Malden, 1678 to 1692; chosen surveyor,

30 Dec., 1678; constable, 8 Mar., 1686; and a committee to run the line between Charlestown and Malden, 13 Mar., 1687. (Malden Town Records, 1678-1764.)

In the ancient Bell Rock Cemetery his inscription and his wife's read:

HERE LYETH BURIED
YE BODY OF
JOHN SPRAGUE
AGED 51 YEARS 9 MO
& 6 DAYS DIED YE 16TH
OF DECEMR 1703

HERE LYES BURIED YE
BODY OF MRS. ELIZABETH
SPRAGUE RELICT OF
MR. JOHN SPRAGUE
WHO DIED SEPT. 28TH
ANNO DOMNI 1736, IN YE
85 YEAR OF HER AGE

Administration on the estate of John Sprague, late of Charlestown, decd, was granted to his widow Elizabeth Sprague of Charlestown with Abraham Hill and Stower Sprague of Charlestown sureties in £1600, 8 Mar., 1703/4.

His inventory taken 16 Mar., 1703/4, mentions: Bookes £1: 10; his armes £2; puter £3; brass £1: 14; 43 napkins £2: 7; a looking glass 16s.; Indgen corne £10; sadels pillons bridels and panell £1: 8; horse £4; two mares and one colt £5: 10; two oxen £7; two stears four years old £5; six cowe £15; nine three yeare old catell, £18; eight two yeare old catel £12; nine yearlens catell £9; 59 sheep £12; six swine £1: 16; a negro man £30; housing lande upland and medow and wood lots belong to it £540; case and a gold ring £2; total £709: 3. Elizabeth Sprague widow and Stower Sprague the only son of John Sprague of Charlestown admitted admrs. of the estate of the sd dec'd exhibited the above, Mar. 20, 1703/4.

Stower Sprague of Charlestown gave a bond of £455 with Jonathan Sprague and Samuel Sprague of Malden sureties, 25 May, 1704, to settle one third on the widow during her life and two thirds upon Stower Sprague only son of dec'd he to pay to Elizabeth Sweetser wife of Samuel Sweetser of Malden £59: 10, to Abiah Sprague, Mary Sprague and Hannah Sprague, being all the children of the sd decd, £59: 5 each. (Middlesex Probate, 21058.)

10 JONATHAN[4] SPRAGUE (*Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden in Oct., 1656; died there 8 Mar., 1730/1, in his 75th year. He married (1) near 1678, MARY BUNKER, daughter of John and Hannah (Mellows) Bunker of Charlestown. She was born at Charlestown, 29 Dec., 1658, and died at Malden, 30 July, 1714, aged about 56. She was the mother of all of his children. He married (2) MARY ——. She married (2) at Malden, 15 Nov., 1732, John Goddard of Roxbury. She died before 28 Aug., 1738. Jonathan Sprague was an innholder.

Children, born at Malden:

17 i. Jonathan,[5] b. 8 Nov., 1679, eldest son.
ii. Lydia, b. near 1682; m. at Rumney Marsh, 25 Nov., 1714, John Goodwin.
iii. Eunice, b. — Mar., 1684; m. Joseph Cook of Cambridge. She d. at Cambridge, 9 May, 1718, a. 34 y., 1 m., 19 d. Two children.
18 iv. Richard, b. 28 June, 1686; d. there 16 Sept., 1720, a. 34 y.
19 v. John, b. 7 May, 1689.
20 vi. Joseph, b. 24 Oct., 1691.
vii. Nathan, b. 2 Feb., 1693/4; not named among the heirs, 19 July, 1733, nor 9 Aug., 1735.
viii. Hannah, b. 25 May, 1696; m. 25 Dec., 1735, Joseph Ingraham.

ix. Mary (twin), b. 25 May, 1696; m. 26 Nov., 1717, Jonathan Sargent of Malden and Mansfield, Conn.

21 x. David, b. 15 Aug., 1698.

22 xi. Bunker, b. 14 Apr., 1701.

Jonathan Sprague (1656-1731) was a soldier in King Philip's War. He served in Capt. Thomas Wheeler's Co. and was stationed "at the garrison at Groton," 30 Nov., 1675, when he received for his services £3 (Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 360); and in Capt. Daniel Henchman's Co. 24 Aug., 1676, and was credited "to Malden Towne with £4: 2: 4" for his services on that day. (Ibid. 58, 375.)

His son John was a grantee of Narragansett Township No. 2 (Westminister), 17 Oct., 1733, in right of his father Jonathan Sprague. (Ibid. 418.)

According to his petition, dated 8 Oct., 1689, Jonathan Sprague of Malden belonged late to the Three County Troop. (Corey's History of Malden.) He was elected to various town offices in Malden, viz.: an assessor, 20 July, 1694; a member of a committee concerning the wood on the west side of mill brook, 23 Sept., 1695; tithingman in the meeting house, 8 Mar., 1696/7; member of a committee, 1 Sept., 1699; member of the committee to build the addition to the meeting house, 16 June, 1702; member of a committee of the north side of Malden to nominate a committee to locate the new meeting house in Malden, 17 Nov., 1727. (Corey's History, pp. 211, 213, 345, 394, 505.)

Again he was a member of the committee to agree with Nathaniel Waite "for his beeing a scoolmaster this yeer," in May, 1706.

The Town "voted yt y^e^ schoolhous shall be set between y^e^ pound and John Wilsons hous"—(between the site of the old Engine House on Main street and the boulder in front of the First Baptist Church)—20 Nov., 1711, and the next Town Meeting, 7 Mar., 1711/12, chose Jonathan Sprague a member of the committee "to set out y^e^ spot of Ground whare y^e^ schoolhous shall stand," in Malden Square. (Corey's History of Malden, 604, 614, 615.)

Jonathan Sprague was chosen constable of Malden, 3 Oct., 1692, and was licensed to keep a tavern from 1701 to 1706 — supposed to have stood in "Scandan," on the south side of Granite street in the Maplewood section of Malden. (Ibid. 680.)

He was chosen hogreeve, 8 Mar., 1686; surveyor, 21 May, 1688, 12 Mar., 1693/4, chainman in surveying, 28 Jan., 1694/5, and again surveyor, 1 Mar., 1707/8, 3 Mar., 1711/12; fence viewer, 8 Mar., 1696/7; tithingman, 7 Mar., 1697/8, and 5 Mar., 1704/5; selectman, 27 Mar., 1699, and 7 Feb., 1720/1; and served on committees 1 Sept., 1699, 13 May, 1701, 20 July, 1702, 11 May, 1708, 28 Nov., 1712, and 29 Mar., 1721. He had "liberty to build a stable against ye bell rock on the Town's land near the meeting house to shelter his horse on Sabbath days," 5 Mar., 1710/11. (Malden Town Records, 1678-1764.)

His Estate.

Whereas the Judge of Probate hath settled two thirds of the real estate of Jonathan Sprague, late of Malden dec'd, upon his eldest surviving son John Sprague of Charlestown, gunsmith, the estate being £429 : 8 : 9 and is divided as follows : to Hannah Sprague daughter of Jonathan Sprague dec'd who was eldest son of the deceased nothing, her father having received £330 in his lifetime ; to Lydia now Goodwin, daughter of dec'd £78 : 4 : 3 ; to the children of Eunice, late daughter of the dec'd, viz. Joseph and Eunice Cook, £48 : 4 : 3 which with their mother's advancement of £30 amounts to £78 : 4 : 3 ; to Joseph Sprague son of the dec'd nothing his advancement being £101 : 10 ; to Mary now Sergeant, daughter of dec'd £78 : 4 : 3 ; to David Sprague son of the dec'd £78 : 4 : 3 ; to Samuel and Mary children of Bunker Sprague dec'd late son of sd dec'd, £68 : 4 : 3, which with their father's advancement of £10 amounts to £78 : 4 : 3 ; which together with said John Spragues own proportion of £78 : 4 : 3 makes the total, Know ye that Elizabeth Tuttle, now wife of Elisha Tuttle of Boston, yeoman, guardian of Hannah Sprague abovementioned, John Goodwin of Charlestown, housewright and Lydia his wife, Joseph Cook of Cambridge, yeoman, guardian for his children Joseph and Eunice, Joseph Sprague of Cambridge, sadler, Jonathan Sergeant of Malden, yeoman, and Mary his wife, David Sprague of Charlestown, founder, Samuel Sprague of Malden, yeoman, guardian for Samuel and Mary Sprague, being the heirs of Jonathan Sprague dec'd having received of John Sprague the particular sums quitclaim to him all rights in the estate of Jonathan, late of Malden, dec'd, 9 Aug., 1735. (Middlesex Probate, 36 : 135.)

The heirs at law and guardians on 28 Aug., 1738, were : Jonathan Sargeant and Mary Sargeant, a daughter ; David Sprague, a son ; Samuel Sprague, guardian of Bunker Sprague's children ; John Goodwin who married Lydia and Samuel Goodwin, a grandson ; Joseph Ingraham and Hannah Ingraham, a daughter ; Eleanor Sprague, a granddaughter of Joseph Sprague ; Jonathan Sprague, a son of Joseph ; Ebenezer Stedman ; Joseph Cook, grandson ; Eunice Cook, a granddaughter.

John Sprague, the third son, inherited the real estate and was ordered to pay his brothers Joseph, David and Bunker and to his

sisters Lydia, Eunice and Mary, or their legal representatives, their shares, 28 May, 1738. (Ibid.)

Elizabeth Tuttle, now wife of Elisha Tuttle of Boston, was guardian to Hannah Sprague abovenamed.

John Goodwin of Charlestown, housewright, and his wife Lydia and Joseph Cook of Cambridge were guardians for his children Joseph and Eunice Cook.

Joseph Sprague of Cambridge, sadler, Jonathan Sergeant of Malden and his wife Mary, David Sprague of Charlestown, founder, and Samuel Sprague of Malden, yeoman, were guardians to Samuel and Mary Sprague abovenamed, being heirs of Jonathan Sprague dec'd.

At Bell Rock Cemetery one may read:

HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MRS. MARY
SPRAGUE WIFE TO MR.
JONATHAN SPRAGUE
WHO DIED JULY
30TH 1714 AGED
ABOUT 56 YEARS

HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MR.
JONATHAN SPRAGUE
WHO DIED MARCH
8TH 1730/1 IN YE 75TH
YEAR OF HIS AGE

11 SAMUEL[4] SPRAGUE, SR. (*Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 21 Feb., 1658/9, and died there 11 or 12 Nov., 1743, aged 84. He married in Boston, 5 June, 1695, LOIS BURRILL, daughter of John and Lois Burrill of Lynn. She was born at Lynn, 27 Jan., 1671/2; died at Malden, 6 Apr., 1696, aged 24. Their child died. He married (2) ELIZABETH —— who died at Malden, 30 June, 1748. No children survived.

He was chosen surveyor* of Malden, 1 July, 1689; committee to lay out land, 2 Nov., 1689; constable, 11 Mar., 1694/5; granted 11 acres, 86 poles in the sheep pasture on the west side of mill brook, 30 May, 1695; had liberty with seven others of a piece of land near "y^e^ meeting hous" to set a stable on, 6 Jan., 1698/9; on a jury at Cambridge, 1 Sept., 1699; fence viewer, 2 Mar., 1701/2; surveyor, 1 Mar., 1702/3, and 6 Mar., 1709/10; selectman and assessor, 3 Mar., 1711/12; selectman, 2 Mar., 1713/14; fence-viewer same year and 6 Mar., 1712/13; selectman, 5 Mar., 1715/16; town clerk, selectman and assessor, 4 Mar., 1716/17; selectman, 7 Feb., 1720/1. (Malden Town Records, 1678-1764.)

He was chosen town clerk of Malden, 1 Mar., 1730/1, and moderator of town meetings, 6 Sept., and 13 Nov., 1734.

Samuel Sprague, Sr. (1659-1743), of Malden must be distinguished from Samuel Sprague, Jr., and Samuel Sprague, 3d, contemporaries there.

Samuel Sprague, Sr., in behalf of his mother Sprague (who was a widow from 1692 to 1715) gave up to the town his right to seats in the meeting house in order to enlarge it, 14 June, 1703. (Corey's History of Malden, 214.) He was one of the Malden assessors, 6 Mar., 1709/10. (Ibid. 351.) He was one of the committee to provide a "Scoolmastar" for Malden, 20 Nov., 1710, and procured Samuel Wigglesworth of

* Because the names are identical it is impossible to assign definitely to each of the three Samuel Spragues the services performed by each.

Ipswich, a Harvard College graduate in 1707 and youngest son of Rev. Michael Wigglesworth of Malden. (Ibid. 608.)

He was also a member of the committee to procure a school master for Malden, 3 Dec., 1712, and obtained the services of Francis Foxcroft, a graduate of Harvard in 1712, later Register of Probate in Middlesex and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. (Ibid. 616.) Judge Foxcroft was apparently the first school master to teach in the first public school house which was erected in Malden. This building was erected in Malden Square in 1712.

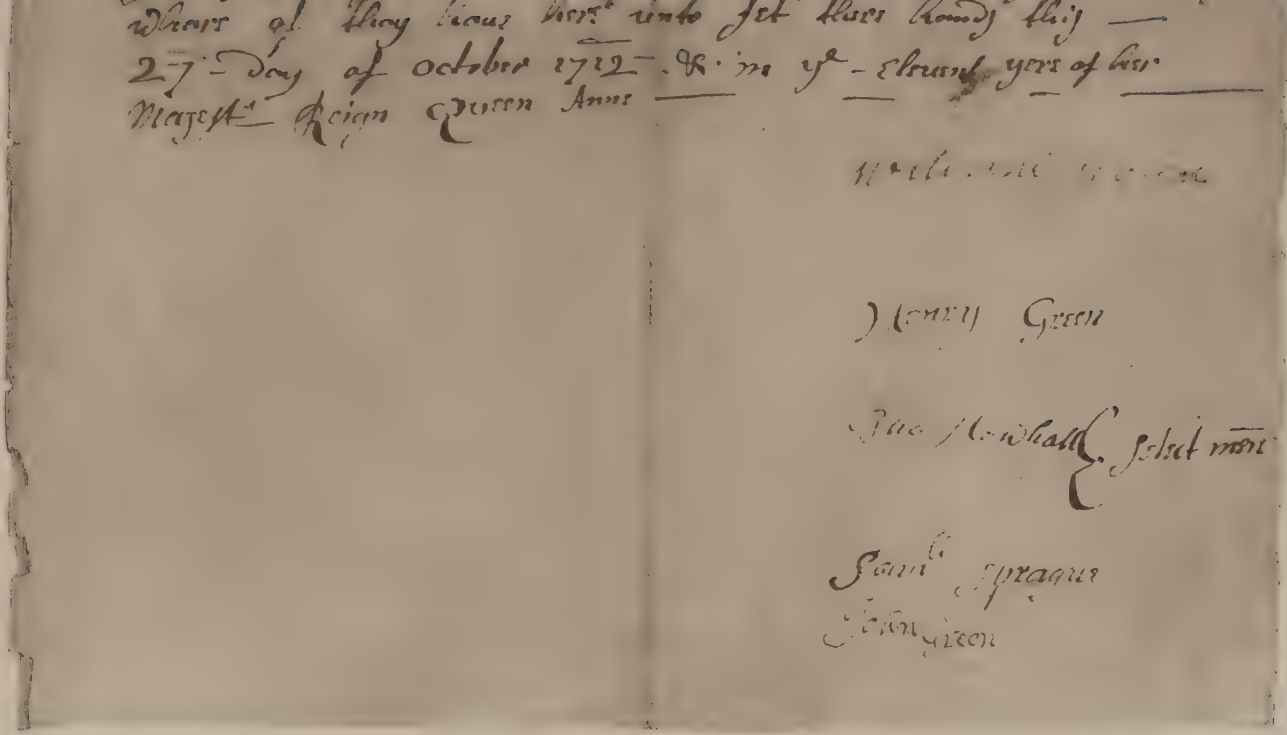
Contract for the First School House in Malden, 1712.

Artecles of agrement made & Concluded between y^e^ Select men of Maldon & William Green of ye sd town carpender Refering two ye bulding of a school-house for y^e^ sd Town of Maldon ye dementions and conditions are as foloeth. . . . . .

Viz. That ye sd William Green doath Covenant & agree with y^e^ sd Select men to Buld a house to keep school in for ye town of Maldon ye dementions are as foloeth. viz. Twenty foots in Lenght and Sixteen foots in bredth six foots between joynts and Buld a chimne in sd hous nere seven foots between ye gams and Lay a harth in sd Chimny and cover sd house tite with Boards Rough and Sides — and Shingel ye Rough of sd house and two Lay one flower and two make it with crooked bemes Riseing two foots at ye Lest for ye Roufe. 4 beems & Ribed upon sd beems as may be sufishent and Brick y^e^ wals to y^e^ plats and make two windores one on ye South and ye other on ye Est & make ye dower of planed Boords. Sd house being Studed about 3 foots asunder and two find all for sd house so fer as has bin mentioned and two set it wher ye twone shall agree and two under pin said house — And ye above sd Select men dou promis and agree in behalf of y^e^ Town of Maldon to pay or case to be paid unto y^e^ above sd William Green 19 pounds for ye above said woork and

Articles of agreement made & Concluded between ye Select men of maldon & William Green of ye Pr. town carpender Refering the building of a school house for ye Pr. town of maldon ye dementions and Conditions are as foloth —

Viz: That ye Pr. William Green doth Covenant & agree with ye Pr. Select men to Build about to keep School in for ye town of maldon ye demention are as foloth. viz. Twenty foot in Lenght and Sixteen foot in breath Six foot between Joynt and Butt chimney in Sd. house nere Seven foot between ye gamb and Lay chearth in Sd. chimny and Cover Sd. house & with Boord Rough and tidy and shingel ye Rough of Sd. house and two Lay ons Stoore and two make it with Crooks beams Rising two foot at ye Left for ye Roufe. & beams & Ribed upon Sd. beams as may be Sufficient am Brick & wall to ye Slaty and make two windows one on ye South and ye other on ye Est. & make ye Doore of planed Boord Sd. house being studd about 3. foot asunder and two find all tris hous to for as hee his mentioned and two Set it when ye tymes Shall aqree — and ye above Pr. Select men doe promis and aqree in behalf of ye Town of maldon to pay or Cause to be paid unto ye above Pr. William Green 17 pounds for ye above said Work and Stuff with all to ye Lime as foreth — 8 pounds and 12. Shillings in Boord and



CONTRACT TO BUILD A SCHOOL-HOUSE IN MALDEN
1712

where with all to do ye same as foloeth — 5 pounds and 12 shillings in Boords and ye Remainder in money as ye woork shall go forward. And sd woork to be don forth with by ye 20 of Aprill next ye woork is to be completed as ye seson will alowe all which Artekels and agrements to be performed by booth partys in Wittness whare of they have here unto Set there hands this — 27 day of October 1712 & in ye elevent yere of her Majest[s] Reign Queen Anne —

William Green

Henry Green
Tho. Newhall
Sam[ll] Sprague
John Green
} Selectmen

The following inscriptions are found in Bell Rock Cemetery:

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
LOIS SPRAGUE WIFE
TO SAMUEL SPRAGUE
AGED 24 YEARS
DIED APRIL 6, 1696
ALSO HERE LYES THEIR
CHILD.

HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MR
SAMUEL SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
NOV[BR] 12TH ANNO DOMI 1743
IN YE 85TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.

Samuel Sprague Sr. of Malden, yeoman, for £11 sells John Green of Malden, yeoman, ten acres in two lots, one of eight acres bounded easterly by a lot laid out to Samuel Sprague Jr. and westerly by land of the said Samuel Sprague Sr., 9 Mar., 1699/00. Witnesses: Edward Sprague and Phineas Sprague. (Middlesex Deeds, 12: 699.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, farmer, son of Capt. John Sprague dec'd, bought the wood and timber on the lot nigh Spot Pond in Charlestown which belonged to John Hall of Beverly, minister of the Gospel, but disclaims any right to the land, 31 Jan., 1693/4. (Ibid. 17: 463.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, yeoman and now widower, for good causes and £16 sells James Nickolls Sr. of Malden, husbandman, land 8 May, 1696. (Ibid. 20: 40.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, yeoman, for 30 shillings sells Nathaniel Green of Malden, carpenter, one half acre in Malden. Witnesses: Samuel Sprague and John Sprague. His wife Elizabeth signed with him, 4 Mar., 1714. Acknowledged at Rumney Marsh, 28 Jan., 1714/15. (Ibid. 19: 80).

Samuel Sprague of Malden, farmer and Elizabeth his wife for £10 sell John Goodwin of Charlestown, carpenter, land lying near the Rocks called the waterfalls in Malden, six acres, 16 Mar., 1732/3. (Ibid. 37: 1.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, yeoman, for £17 sells John Dexter of Malden, yeoman, a woodlot in Stoneham near a pond commonly called Spot Pond. Witnesses: Samuel Dexter and Martha Sprague, Signed by wife Elizabeth with him, 10 Nov., 1734; acknowledged by both, 7 Apr., 1740. (Ibid. 40: 622.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, yeoman, for £300 sells Phineas Sprague of Malden, yeoman, 15 acres in Stoneham, reserving for three years the wood to cut and cart off. Witnesses: Joseph Lynde and Samuel Sprague, Jr. Signed by grantor and wife Elizabeth, 12 May, 1742. (Ibid. 44: 721.)

Elizabeth Sprague of Malden, widow of Samuel Sprague, late of Malden, dec'd and sole executrix of his will, for £140 sells John Sprague of Malden, yeoman, three and one-half acres in Malden, bounded easterly on the Creek and River, southerly on William Sprague's marsh, westerly on Samuel Sargeant's marsh, northerly on Capt. Stephen Richardson's marsh, 18 Aug., 1746. Witnesses: Ebenezer Harnden and Samuel Sprague. Acknowledged by the grantor, 27 May, 1747. (Ibid. 46: 587.)

Elizabeth Sprague of Malden, widow of Samuel Sprague, late of Malden, dec'd, executrix of his will, for £11 sells Timothy Sprague of Malden, miller, one half acre bounded north and northeasterly on the deceased's other land, southerly partly on

Timothy Sprague's other land and partly on said Timothy Sprague's Mill Pond, and easterly on his Mill Stream. Witnesses: John Sprague and Samuel Sprague, signed 12 June, 1744. (Ibid. 46: 637.)

His Will.

In the Name of God Amen, I. Samuel Sprague of Malden, in the County of Middlesex in New England Yeoman, do make my Last Will & Testament in this form following namely

In the first place I Comitt my Soul to God Allmighty That Gave it and my body to to the Earth whence it was taken To be buried in a decent Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter Named and as to my Temporal goods which God has blessed me with I dispose of in form following

Imprimis I give all my Real Estate to my Loveing Wife Elizabeth to hold and Enjoy dureing her Natural Life & no Longer.

But all my personal Estate I give her forever —

And After my said Wifes Decease I give all my Real Estate to Samuel Sprague (the Sone of Bunker Sprague) & his heirs forever Upon This Special Condition that if he has an heir of his body Lawfully begotten then the said Samuel Shall have an Estate in fee Simple in All my Real Estate but if not then after his Decease the Same I give to his Sister Mary, And her heirs forever upon the Same Condition, but if She has no heir of her body Lawfully begotten then I give all my Real Estate to my Cousin David Sprague And the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten And if he has no such Heirs then the same shall be & Remain to be Equally Divided between my Brother, Phinehas Sprague my Sister Hannah Stowers — Deberough Bucknam & Sarah Fosdick, Children & their heirs forever Nevertheless It is my Intent and my Will is that my said Wife whom I hereby Appoint Sole Executorix of this my Testament Shall have full power to Sell So much of my Real Estate as will be Sufft. To pay my Just Debts, & pay the Same Accordingly

Item I Give to the Revd. Mr. Joseph Emerson five pounds to be paid him in five years after my Decease

Item My Will is that Martha Sprage Mother of the aforesaid Samuel & Mary Sprague Shall Live with and be Supported by

her said Sone Samuel while he holds and Enjoys the Estate aforesaid Upon ye. Spetial Condition aforesd. and by her Said Daughter. Mary in Case of the Estate's Comeing into her hands & Improvement According to ye, Devise aforesaid That is. The Said Martha Shall be So Assisted by her Said Children that with what She receives from them & her Own Earnings She Shall have a Confortable Maintenance dureing her being ye. Widow of the Said Bunker Sprague And My will is that this Last bequest shall not Any ways alter the Devises aforesaid So as by this Charge to make a fee Simple, but only According to the Spetial Conditions & Limitations aforesaid In testimony hereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Sixth day of May A. D. 1741

Signd Seald published and Declared by the Said Samuel Sprague as his last will & Testamt in presence of
Edwd Trowbridge
John Shute
Ebenr. Harnden

Samuell Sprague (Seal)

The Heirs of Samuel Sprague.

The Heirs of Samuel Sprague, late of Malden dec'd were Samuel Bucknam, yeoman, and Deborah his wife, and Hannah Stowers, widow, all of Malden, the children and heirs of Phineas Sprague and Jonathan Sprague, Edward Sprague and John Sprague, all of Malden, and Jon[a] Fozdick of Charlestown and his wife. All were notified except Eben[r] Sprague of Harvard, Sam[l] Sprague of Lynn and Jn[o] Sprague of Boston, 5 Dec., 1743. Samuel Sprague of Malden served this notice from the Judge of Probate. (Middlesex Probate, 21095.)

Elizabeth Sprague of Malden, widow, made her will, 19 June, 1747, and it was probated 28 Sept., 1747. She mentions her cousin Samuel Sprague, Jr. (son to Bunker Sprague, dec'd), and her cousin Martha Sprague (mother of the said Samuel Sprague), the said Samuel and Martha to be executors. Witnesses: John Shute, Ebenezer Harnden and Richard Wheat. (Ibid. 25: 133 and 40: 45.)

12 Capt. EDWARD[4] SPRAGUE (*Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden near 1663; died there, 13 or 14 Apr., 1715, aged 52. He married at Malden, 14 Nov., 1693, DOROTHY LANE, daughter of Job and Anna (Reyner) Lane of Billerica and Malden. She was born at Billerica, 24 July, 1669, and died at Malden, 29 Mar., 1727, in her 58th year.

Children, born at Malden:

23 i. William,[5] b. 4 Sept., 1695.
ii. Anna, b. 20 Mar., 1696/7; m. 22 Mar., 1738, as his third wife, Benjamin Faulkner; she d. 26 Oct., 1776.
iii. Dorothy, b. 9 Sept., 1698; d. unmarried.
24 iv. Timothy, b. 23 May, 1700.
25 v. Ebenezer, b. 6 Nov., 1701; removed to Dedham, Harvard and Groton.
vi. Jemima, b. 3 Nov., 1703; m. 7 Mar., 1730, Joseph Jenkins of Malden. She d. at Malden, 11 Jan., 1780. Four children.
vii. Lydia, b. 26 Aug., 1705; d. unm. at Malden, 8 Dec., 1766.
26 viii. Hezekiah, b. 16 May, 1707; d. at Groton, 1740.
ix. Phebe, b. 17 Nov., 1709; m. 3 Aug., 1732, Ezekiel Jenkins of Malden. She d. 20 Mar., 1790. Nine children.

Capt. Edward Sprague (1663-1715) owned the grist mill which stood on Spot Pond stream "near the place where the Coytmore mill had stood." (Corey's History of Malden, 87.) He was chosen an assessor of Malden in June, 1695. (Ibid. 350.) He was elected town treasurer, 9 Mar., 1695/6, and again 8 Mar., 1696/7. As treasurer he received four pounds four shillings of the selectmen of Malden for the use of the Military Company, 6

Nov., 1696. At the town meeting, 8 Mar., 1696/7, he was elected constable of the town and tithingman of the First Church. (Ibid. 345, 350.) A free contribution of £4: 3: 8 having been made on a thanksgiving, as town treasurer, he received this for the selectmen to use for the poor, 12 Feb., 1696/7. (Ibid. 395.)

He was chosen a member of a committee to defend the town of Malden in a special law suit, in Sept., 1699, and a member of the committee to repair the meeting house in Malden, 16 June, 1702. (Ibid. 213, 394.)

On 27 May, 1697, he received a grant of three acres of common land for his services as Treasurer in 1696 and 1697. (Ibid. 380.)

He opposed a vote for Rev. Joseph Metcalf for minister, 24 May, 1706, and was a member of the committee to consult the Court of Quarter Sessions concerning Mr. Thomas Tufts as minister of Malden. He petitioned to the General Court concerning their failure to secure a minister and about calling Mr. Tufts, 28 Oct., 1708. (Ibid. 470.)

He was a representative from Malden to the General Court in 1696 and 1703.

Capt. Edward Sprague had 10 acres, 50 poles, granted to him in the sheep pasture on the west side of ye mill brook, 30 May, 1695; chosen commissioner, 9 Mar., 1695/6; selectman, 8 Mar., 1696/7, 13 Mar., 1698/9; constable, 7 Mar., 1697/8, 8 Aug., 1698, and 8 Aug., 1699; called Ensign, 8 Aug., 1699; moderator of town meeting, 6 Dec., 1699; surveyor, 3 Mar., 1700/1; selectman and

representative to General Court, 1 Mar., 1702/3; selectman, 6 Mar., 1703/4, 6 Mar., 1709/10; assessor, 17 Mar., 1703/4; town treasurer, 5 Mar., 1710/11, and 6 Mar., 1712/13; selectman and town treasurer, 7 Mar., 1714/15. (Malden Town Records, 1678-1764.)

With others he had liberty to set up a stable on the town's land near the meeting house to shelter his horse on Sabbath days, in Mar., 1710/11. (Ibid. 211.)

Early in the eighteenth century he was chosen Captain of the Militia Company of Malden and was in command at the time of his death.

In Bell Rock Cemetery stands his gravestone which reads as follows:

HERE LYES ENTER'D
YE BODY OF CAPT.
EDWARD SPRAGUE
WHO DECEST YE
14 OF APRIL 1715
AGED 52 YEARS.

And near:

HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MRS.
DOROTHY SPRAGUE
YE WIDOW OF CAPT.
EDWARD SPRAGUE
DIED MARCH YE 29
1727 IN 58TH
YEAR OF HER AGE.

His Estate.

William Sprague, son of Capt. Edward, of Malden, husbandman was appointed administrator, 15 Mar., 1720/1. On 28 Mar., 1721, Dorothy Sprague, widow, was appointed guardian unto Ebenezer Sprague in his 20th year, Jemima Sprague in her 18th year, Lydia Sprague in her 16th year, Hezekiah Sprague in his 13th year, and Phebe Sprague in her 11th year, children of her late husband, Capt. Edward Sprague of Malden. (Middlesex Probate, 16: 239, 242.)

The inventory, one dwelling house and barn £40; 7¾ acres plowland, £54: 10; 2 acres orchard £17; 48½ acres pasture £300; 9½ acres fresh meadow £59; 16 acres salt marsh and 101 acres of woodland in the commons £493. The estate was divided into ten shares after the widow's thirds were set off and William Sprague eldest son, had two shares, 24 Jan., 1722. (Ibid. 16: 243, 383, 384.)

An inventory of ye Reale Esteate of Capt. Edward Sprague Late of Maldon, desd. intestate, 1: One Dwelling house & barn prised at forty ponds

2 — twenty-fouer Acres of passtuer Land upon wch ye buildings do stand prised at One hundred & seventy-eight pounds fiveteene shilings, bounded north, & west, by Samll Spragues Land, & Easte, & south, by high ways

3 — Seven Acres & 3/4 of of plowland, prised at fivety eight pound five shilings bounding north & west on other Land belonging to ye sd Capt. Spragues Easstate & East & south by privet ways

4 — Six Acres of fresh meddow prised at forty-one pounds, tenn shilings, bounding north by Joseph Lynde, Easte by ye Contry Roade, south by Joseph wayts meddow, & west by ye mill brook

5 — two Acres of Orchard prised att eightteene pounds, bounding north & East by Samll moores Land, & west by Samll Sprague, & south by ye high way

6 — Eight Acres of passtuer Land, prised at twenty six pounds fiveteene shinings bounding, north upon ye sd desds woodland, & west & south by Samll Spragus Land

7 — tenn Acres of passtuer Land, prised at sixty three pound bounding North by ye mill brook, Easte by ye Conttry Roades south by dorathy Spragues salt marsh west by Samll wayts salt marsh

8 — Six Acres of passtuer Land prised att, forty two pounds, bounding north & E[ast] by ye Conttry Roade, south & west part by ye mill brook, & part upon Saml [ ] Land

9 — five Acres of salt marsh prised at fivety pound, bounding north by [ye] mill brook & south part by Samll wayts salt marsh & part by ye sd upland

10 — fouer Acres of salt marsh in Charlesstown bounds, prised at thirty six [pounds] bounding north by a dich East by Samll Spragues salt marsh south by a [ ] & west by Col. Joseph Lynds marsh

11 — to another Lott of salt marsh, in Charlesstown bounds of five Acres bou North by Thomas Greenes meddow, East & south by Samll Sargeants Land west by John pratts salt marsh, prised at thirty five pounds

12 — three Acres of fresh meddow, prised at twenty one pounds, bounding north by Samll moores Land, East by ye mill brook, west by ye high way, south by Samuell Spragues Land

13 — more one wood Lott of, fiveteene Acres & seventy-fouer poles, prised at thirty-fouer pounds seven shilings and fouer pence bounding north & south by ye Raing Lines, East by a lott Laid out to Isac hill, & west by a lott of Samll moores

14 — two Acres of salt marsh by sanddy bank prised at twelve pounds boundi[ng] north on ye Common Land, East & west by Jacob willsons marsh, & south by Ebenezer hills marsh

15 — more to one wood Lott of fouerteene Acres and some od poles, prised at seventy seven pounds, bounded north & south by ye Range Lines & East by phines uphams & west by Samll Greenes Land

16 — To one wood Lott in Charlesstown bounds of nine Acres, prised at forty five ponds, bounded north and south by ye Range Lines, Eeast by Phines Spragues Land and west by a Lott of Jonathan Knower

17 — One lott more of nine Acres and some od poles, prised att fivety fouer ponds bounding north & south by ye Range Lines and Easte by Thomas Linds & west by Samll Spragues Land,

18 — one Lott more in Charlesstown bounds of tenn Acres prised at twenty one pound: tenn shilings bounded, north & south by ye Range Lines and East upon Joseph Lynds & west by Samll Spragues Land

19 — to One Lott more of wood Land in Charlesstown bound: of three Acres prised att eighteene pound, bounding, north by ye rang lines south by Samll Spragues Land: east by Joses bucknums Land: west by John dexterss

20 — to one Lott of wood upon ye Rocks of thirty nine Acres and one hundred and two poles, prised att ninety pound, three shilings & eight pence bounding north & south by ye Range Lines, Eeast & west partt by Joseph Lynds Samll Sprague Natt nicholes John dexter, Isac Hill, &c

To the widdow Mrs Dorathy Spragues we ye subscribers have sett out one third part of ye Abovesd estate both in houseing and Lands, namely —

1 — in ye Easte Eand of ye house ye Lower roome and nesesary roome in ye seller and ye East eand of ye barn, prised at thirtene pound six shilings and eight pence

ye two Acors of Salt marsh at Sandy bank above mentioned, prised att twlve pound, bounding north on ye Common Land, east & west on Jacob Wilson & south on Ebeen hills Salt marsh

three Acres of ye five Acors of Salt marsh, mentioned in ye ninth place in ye west eand of ye sd Lott, prised at thirty pound, bounding part on ye mill brook and part by Samll wayt on ye west side &c as above

ye tenn Acres of passtuer before mentioned prised att sixty three pounds and bounding East by ye high ways north by ye mill brook south on salt marsh of ye sd widdows: & west by Samll wayts ye Lott of six Acres of passtuer before mentiond prised att forty two pounds bounding, north by ye Conttry Roade and east by ye Road south by ye mill brook and west on Samll Spragues Land

6 ye eight Acres of passtuer before mentioned prised att twenty six pound fivetene shilings, bounding as befor north, upon ye sd desd land west and south by Samll Spragues Land

7 one half of a Lott of nine Acres of wood land before mentioned in Charlesstown bounds namely ye west side of ye sd Lott from eand to eand prised att twenty two pound tenn shilings &

half of it, bounding as before north & south on ye Rang lines west on Jonathan Knowers Land

8 for her fier wood also we have set out a lott of thirty nine Acres and one hundred and two pole bounded as before is mentioned prised att ninety pound three shilings and eight pence

9 three Acres of fresh meddow prised att twenty one pounds bounded north Samll Moores Land, East by ye mill brook, west by ye high way South by Samll Spragues Land

The sum totall of ye sd Eastate in houseing and Lands is nine hunred sixty two pound six shilings and fouer pence out of which to ye sd mrs Dorathy Sprague we have sett out three hundred and twenty pound fivetene shilings and fouer pences

To ye Honrll Francis Foxcroft ye Juge of probates &c sir thus we have don Acording to our best skill and judgment & as far as we know all parties intrested are well sattisfied

Sir we remain you Honours humble servants

Maldon June ye 23 : 1721 :
ye widow mrs Dorathy Sprague hath declared her self well sattisfied, with her thirds & as Gardeene for some of her Children with ye aprisement, and likewise ye Children related to and intresd in ye estate are fully sattisfied

Natt nickoles
Jacob Willson
John Green
John Willson
William Sargeant

} Jur cor Judc

William Sargeant in behalf of ye Commishoners

Administration on the estate of Mrs. Dorothy Sprague, late of Malden granted to her son Timothy Sprague, miller, (William the eldest son being present and consenting), 11 Aug., 1727. (Ibid. 17 : 515.)

The Coytmore Mill

Thomas Coytmore, one of the early inhabitants of ancient Charlestown, "in consideration of building a Corne Mill at Misticke side" was granted land by the aforesaid town, 21 Jan.,

1640/1. "The end of his Lott" was "betwixt y^e^ Mount Prospect and the River . . . . in case hee goe on with building the Mill . . . . if hee doe not hee is then to leave four acres to the use of such as shall have liberty to build y^e^ Mill."

It is apparent that Mr. Coytmore built the mill, for on 27 Aug., 1641, the town of Charlestown granted "yt Thos. Coitmore should have one daies worke throughout the whole Towne, to helpe to breadthen a Dam (at the Three-Mile Brook) to [make] A convenient highway for horse and cart."

According to the deposition of Nathaniel Ball made 1 Apr., 1701, Thomas Coytmore and his heirs employed Abraham Hill of Malden to take charge of this mill. He was the miller from 1642 to 1670.

The mill itself was located at first down on Three-Mile Brook half a mile or thereabouts below the mill pond and the water was carried to the mill in troughs and frames for a time.

Mr. Coytmore died 27 Dec., 1644, and the mill came into possession of his heirs. His widow married successively Gov. John Winthrop and after his death, John Cogan (Coggan). The last marriage occurred 10 Mar., 1651/2. Mr. Cogan died 27 Apr., 1658.

The Coytmore mill was removed from its original site to a new site near the mill pond during the period that John Cogan and his wife were the principal owners of it.

The Coytmore heirs disposed of their rights to

John Cogan and at his death it was devised to his heirs. From 1658 to 1666 it was owned by the heirs of John Cogan.

The heirs of Mr. Cogan, viz. Jacob Green for himself and for his brother-in-law Thomas Robinson and for Joseph Robinson sell the "water corne millne in Malden and 40 acres of land to the same belonging" to Job Lane, 29 Feb., 1666. They confirmed his title 5 Aug., 1695.

On 23 Sept., 1706, Benjamin Whittemore deposed that "he hath known the Malden Corn Mill on Mistick side for the space of fifty years [since 1656] and he the doponent did hire the aforesaid mill of Mr. Job Lane, late of Malden, dec'd, about thirty years ago [1676] for y^e^ space of seven or eight years . . . . and that Edward Sprague is now in y^e^ possession of y^e^ sd mill, with Dams," etc.

Job Lane of Malden made his will, 28 Sept., 1696, in which he gave unto his "daughter Dorothy Sprague the east end of my dwelling house I now live in with my mill and land adjoining and my salt marsh and land adjoining and likewise the west end of my dwelling house after my wife leaveth it."

The ancient Coytmore Mill site and the land adjoining came into possession of Capt. Edward Sprague and his wife in 1697 and remained in possession of the family for nearly one hundred years. A grandson, Matthew Whipple Sprague, finally disposed of his interest in the water privilege, 10 Aug., 1825,— one hundred twenty-eight

years after his grandparents inherited it from his great grandparents.

The inventory of Job Lane mentions, "the homstedd, viz. one dwelling hous, barne, corn mill, stream, dams and ponds, with 22 acres of land adjoining."

This land was between Main and Washington streets on the north of Pleasant street in Malden.

After the death of the widow of Capt. Edward Sprague, commissioners set off to their son Timothy Sprague the "Corne Mill in Malden upon the homestead lands, with the mill pond and all the flatts of the said pond thereto adjoining."

This property included the site of the Cochrane Works, the Armory and Coytmore Lea.

Job Lane's Title to the Coytmore Mill.

Jacob Green of Charlestown, merchant, for myself and as attorney to my brother-in-law Thomas Robinson of Boston, cordwinder, and Sarah Robinson attorney to my husband Joseph Robinson of Boston, cooper, for £10 release and quitclaim unto Job Lane of Malden, carpenter, all the estate which said Jacob Green, Thomas Robinson and Joseph Robinson now have or may have in that Water Corn Milne in Malden with forty acres to the same appertaining being in two severall parcells one whereof containing twenty-five acres, part meadow and part upland adjoining to said Milne, bounded with Capt. Jn° Waite north, by Charlestown Common northwest and the highway west and south, part of the sd twenty-five acres lying in a certain Neck and bounded northeast with the highway and the Creek y^t^ comes up to the Bridgewards south, elsewhere by Lt. Spragues land.

The other part of sd forty acres being swampy land containing about fifteen acres, bounded by Abraham Hills land northwest, Nathaniel Rands southwest, William Luddingtons land south east, Mr. Bunkers east as specified in a deed to said Lane bearing

date 29 Feb., 1666, under the hand and seal of Mr. Joseph Rock .... provided neverless that in case that any of Mr. Coitmore's heirs shall at any time hereafter legally eject and disposses the said Job Lane from the said premises then Jacob Green for himself and as attorney aforesaid promises to repay the sum of £10. Signed 5 Aug., 1695. (Middlesex Deeds, 10: 407.)

THE COYTMORE MILL OWNERS.

Builder, Thomas Coytmore, 1642-1644.
Heirs of Thomas Coytmore, 1644-1651.
John Cogan owner, 1651-1658.
Heirs of John Cogan, 1658-1666.
Job Lane, 1666-1697.
Capt. Edward Sprague, 1697-1715.
Timothy Sprague, 1715-1765.
Matthew Whipple Sprague, 1765-1782.
Samuel Tufts, 3d, 1782-1803.
William Barrett, 1803-1834.

13 PHINEAS[4] SPRAGUE (*Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, — Feb., 1665/6; died there, 29 Aug., 1736, aged 70. He married near 1689, ELIZABETH GREEN, daughter of John and Mary Green of Malden. She was born at Charlestown (or Malden), 3 Feb., 1673 (Wyman's Charlestown Genealogies, 1: 438); died in 1747.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Elizabeth,[5] b. 11 Oct., 1690; m. 4 Jan., 1715, Samuel Mower of Malden. Seven children.
ii. Mary, b. 15 Oct., 1693; m. 21 Oct., 1714, Joseph Lynde of Malden. She d. 2 July, 1781. Eight children.
iii. Tabitha, b. 19 Oct., 1696.
27 iv. Phineas, b. 13 Jan., 1700/1.
v. Sarah, b. 30 Jan., 1702/3.

vi. Lois, b. 18 Nov., 1705; m. 15 Feb., 1728; Samuel Green of Malden. Six children.

vii. Lydia, b. 11 Dec., 1708; d. at Rumney Marsh, 13 Aug., 1777. In the Rumney Marsh Burying ground is the following: "Here lies buried the body of Mrs. [*sic*] Lydia Sprague, who departed this life Aug. 13th, 1777, aged 69 yrs."

28 viii. Samuel, b. 27 Sept., 1712.

Phineas Sprague (1666-1736) settled on a portion of his father's farm south of Ell Pond in what is now Melrose. After his father's death he and his brothers lived in a house which stood where now (1900) stands the residence of Frank L. Hinckley, 123 West Foster street, near the junction of Florence, Vinton and Maple streets. The house which he built was standing in 1795 and appears on the map of Malden of that year. It was an old house in 1805.

The old well belonging to his homestead with its ancient well-sweep was on the opposite side of the street near where now stands (1900) the beautiful and symmetrical elm tree. The spot is now covered by Florence street which was then only a pathway. The old house was occupied from 1693 to as late as 1850. (Goss's History of Melrose, 82.)

He was made a freeman 22 Mar., 1689/90.

On 3 Apr., 1728, he was among "y^{e} inhabitants in Malden on y^{e} north side of y^{e} River . . . . being warned to meet at y^{e} meeting house y^{e} third day of April" to act "concerning placeing of y^{e} new meeting hous in Malden." (Corey's History of Malden, 510.)

He was granted 17 acres 53 poles in the First Division, 17 acres and 53 poles in the Second Division, 5 acres and 133 poles in the Third Division, 2 acres and 26 poles in the Fourth Division and 5 acres 133 poles in the Second Division on the west side of the commons of Malden, 30 May, 1695. He was chosen surveyor of highways, 9 Mar., 1695/6, 7 Mar., 1719/20; constable, 8 Mar., 1696/7; committee, 24 May, 1710, 29 Mar., 1721; selectman of Malden, 7 Feb., 1720/1; tithingman in the meeting house, 4 Mar., 1728, and "had liberty to build a stable on the Town's land near the meeting house against y^e^ bell rock to shelter his horse on Sabbath days," 5 Mar., 1710/11. (Malden Town Records, 1678-1764.)

He and his wife joined in a deed selling the property which came to them by the will of Capt. Richard Sprague of Charlestown, 7 June, 1704. (Middlesex Deeds, 13 : 588.)

The inscription from his gravestone in ancient Bell Rock Cemetery (removed to Forestdale) of Malden reads as follows:

HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MR.
PHINEAS SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE AUGUST 29TH ANNO
DOM^NI^ 1736 IN YE
71ST YEAR OF HIS AGE.

PHINEAS SPRAGUE'S WILL.

In the name of God amen, I Phinehas Sprague of Malden in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay

in New England yeoman being of sound judgment and memory considering the frailty of humane life and being willing to prevent any difficulties or disturbances that may arise after my decease do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following.

And first of all I recommend my soul into the arms of a merciful God hoping in the merits of Jesus Christ to obtain the forgiveness of my sins and a resurection to eternal life and happiness. And my body I commit unto the dust to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned.

And as for the worldly estate which God has given me after my just debts and funeral expences are paid I dispose of in manner following:

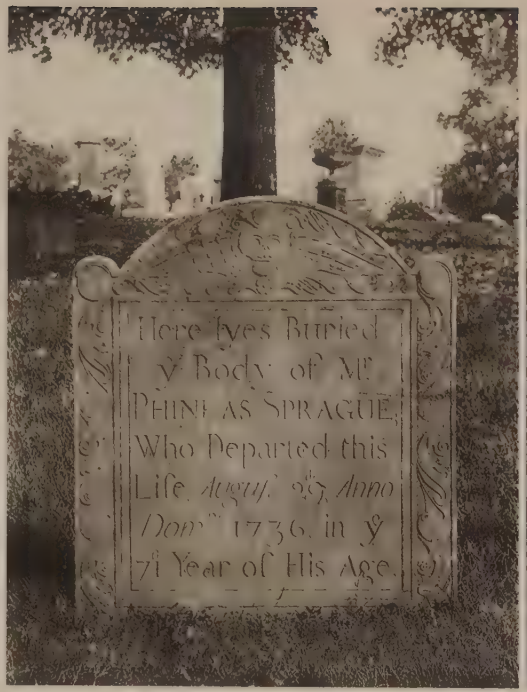
Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth one third of all my lands during her life with one third of the house I now live in and one third of the moveables without doors so long as she remains my widow. And also I give her all the moveables within doors excepting one bed to be at her dispose and my will is that she have a mourning suit at my funeral and also that she have a horse to ride to meeting so long as she remains my widow.

Item. I give to my eldest son Phinehas one half of all my lands both upland and meadow with half my housing and half the orchard and half the stock (viz.) horses, oxen, cows and other the moveables without doors.

Item. I give to my son Samuel the other half of my lands both upland and meadow and half the housing with half the orchard and half the stock (viz.) horses, oxen, cows and other the moveables without doors and also I give him my negro man Primas alias Titus.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth besides what she had at marriage which was fifty pounds twenty pounds to be paid in money or moneys worth in manner following (viz.) five pounds within two years after my decease and after two years five pounds yearly and every year until the twenty pounds are paid.

Item. I give to my daughter Mary besides what she had at marriage which was fifty pounds twenty pounds: five pounds to be paid within two years after my decease and after two years five pounds yearly until the twenty pounds are paid.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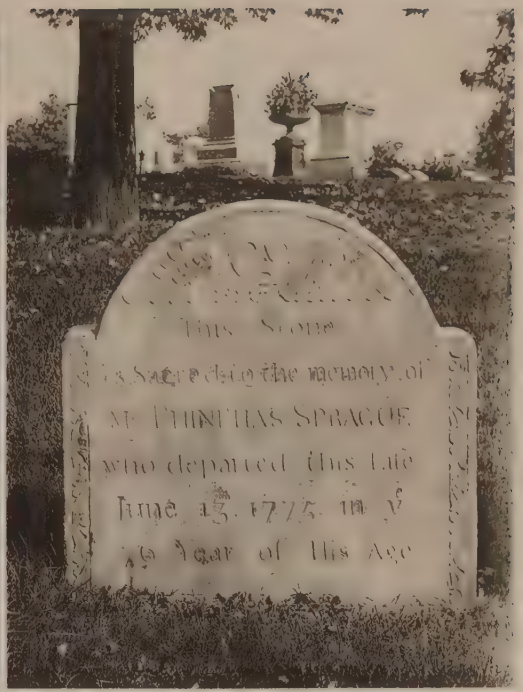
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is Sacred to the memory of
Mr PHINEHAS SPRAGUE
who departed this Life
June 13. 1775. in ye
76 Year of His Age

Item. I give to my daughter Tabitha besides what she had at marriage which was forty five pounds, twenty five pounds: five pounds to be paid within two years after my decease and after two years five pounds yearly until the twenty five pounds are paid.

Item. I give to my daughter Sarah besides what she had at marriage which was fifty pounds twenty pounds: five pounds to be paid within two years after my decease and after two years five pounds yearly until the twenty pounds are paid.

Item. I give to my daughter Lois besides what she had at marriage which was fifty pounds twenty pounds: five pounds to be paid within two years after my decease and after two years five pounds yearly until the twenty pounds are paid.

Item. I give to my daughter Lydia one bed and furniture belonging to it to be prized and accounted as part of her portion also I give her fifty pounds to be paid within a year after my decease the bed and furniture to be accounted part of the fifty pounds and two years after my decease she shall have five pounds yearly until she hath received in all seventy pounds and furthermore I give her the privilege of a room to live in (so long as she remains in a single condition) with either of her brothers (viz.) Samuel or Phinehas.

Item. I constitute and appoint my sons Phinehas and Samuel the joint executors of this my will and testaments and declare this to be my last and only will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the second day of October one thousand seven hundred and thirty three

in presence of — Phinehas Sprague
Samuel Sweetser
John Sprague
Samuel Sweetser Jr.

Lodged in Probate office by Sam: Sprague, 24 Sept., 1736.
Proved 18 Oct., 1736. (Middlesex Probate, 21,083.)

14 SAMUEL[4] SPRAGUE, JR. (*Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden in May, 1662; died there 27 Dec., 1738, in his 77th year.

He married near 1684, SARAH ——, the mother of his five eldest children. He married (2) in 1693, SARAH GREEN, daughter of Dea. John and Sarah (Wheeler) Green of Malden. She was born at Malden, 14 Jan., 1676/7, and died there 2 Feb., 1743/4.

Children by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Sarah,[5] b. 16 Sept., 1685; d. 16 Sept., 1685.
ii. Sarah, b. 26 Sept., 1686; m. 1709, William Green of Malden and Leicester. Eight children.
29 iii. Samuel, b. 2 Feb., 1688/9.
iv. Elizabeth, m. 21 Apr., 1713, Nathaniel Green of Charlestown "End" (Stoneham). Seven children.
30 v. Richard, b. near 1692.

Children, by second wife, born at Malden:

vi. Mehitable, b. 30 June, 1694; m. 22 Jan., 1712/13, James Hay of Charlestown. She d. in 1721. Four children.
vii. Rebecca, b. 8 May, 1696; m. Edward Bucknam. She d. 20 July, 1772, a. 76, and was buried at Stoneham. Five children.
viii. Mercy, b. 26 Feb., 1697/8; d. 8 Aug., 1709.
ix. Winifred, b. 30 Dec., 1699; m. 20 May, 1720, Michael Brigden of Charlestown. She d. 21 May, 1739, in her 39th year. Ten children.
x. Abigail, b. 15 Nov., 1702; m. (1) Samuel Call of Charlestown, Malden and Oxford. She m. (2) near 1748, John Hamen. Five children by first husband.
xi. Mary, perhaps not in order; d. at Malden, 26 Oct., 1708.
31 xii. John, b. 15 Sept., 1708.

Samuel Sprague, Jr. (1662-1738) is extremely difficult to distinguish from Samuel Sprague, Sr., and Samuel Sprague, 3d, all contemporaries in Malden. By occupation he was a blacksmith.

On 13 Mar., 1687, he was appointed to run the town line between Boston and Malden. Other town offices to which he was elected were: constable, 3 Mar., 1689/90; fence-viewer, 13 Mar., 1698/9, 6 Mar., 1712/13; surveyor, 1 Mar., 1707/8; committee to build the leanto on the parsonage, 14 Aug., 1699; a member of other committees, 26 Sept., 1704, 11 May, 1708, 6 May, 1709, 24 May, 1710, 29 Mar., 1721, 18 May, 1725, 5 Jan., 1727/8; a member of the committee from the north side of the town to nominate a committee to locate the new meeting house, 17 Nov., 1727; one of "y^e^ inhabitants on y^e^ north side of y^e^ River" warned to assemble at the Meeting House to act upon a report concerning the location of the new Meeting House, 3 Apr., 1728; a member of the committee to sell the old Meeting House in Malden, 27 Nov., 1730; selectman, 27 Mar., 1699, 2 Mar., 1701/2, 10 June, 1702, 1712, 1713, 1716, 1721, 2 Mar., 1723/4, 6 Mar., 1727; moderator of town meetings, 7 Aug., 1724, 25 Sept., 1731. The town granted him 5 acres 139 poles in the sheep pasture on the west side of mill brook, 30 May, 1695, and he had liberty of a piece of land near the Meeting House to set a stable on, 6 Jan., 1698/9. He, in behalf of his mother Brown, gave up seats in the Meeting House in order to enlarge it, 14 June, 1703, and had liberty to set a stable against "y^e^ bell rock on y^e^ town's land, 9 Mar.,1710/11." (Corey's History of Malden, 213, etc.)

The townsmen elected him to make a valuation of Malden estates, 26 Jan., 1707/8, and an asses-

sor in Mar., 1709/10, and 6 Mar., 1727; town clerk, 3 Mar., 1711/12.

He was among those who entered dissent against a vote to call Rev. Joseph Metcalf to be minister of the First Parish, 24 May, 1706, and served on the jury, 1 Mar., 1708/9. (Town Records of Malden, 1678-1764.)

Samuel Sprague, the Blacksmith.

Samuel Sprague of Malden, blacksmith, with the consent of Sarah his wife, for £20 sells John Greenland of Malden, yeoman, five acres sixteen poles of land in Malden bounded easterly on land in the occupation of Jonathan Sprague, 27 July, 1700. Witnesses: Samuel Sprague, Edward Sprague and Philip Hull. (Middlesex Deeds, 12: 536.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, smith, for £24: 10 sells Hannah Skinner of Malden, widow, eight acres in Malden. Witnesses: John Sprague, Ambrose Hindes and Thomas Skinner. Sarah wife of Samuel signs with him, 14 Dec., 1702. (Ibid. 13: 646.)

Indenture made 13 Feb., 1716, between Samuel Sprague, Jr., of Malden, blacksmith, and Sarah his wife on one part and Charles Chambers, Jonathan Dows, Jonathan Remington, Edward Goffe and Jonas Bond, Esqs., Commissioners, on other part, for £30, said Sprague mortgages five acres in Malden described in a deed dated 15 Mar., 1699; also four acres described in a deed 10 Apr., 1699. The above mortgage was released to Samuel Sprague, 2 Mar., 1725/6. (Ibid. 19: 70.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, smith, for £55 sells Jonathan Barrett of Reading, weaver, two woodlots in Malden, 15 and 20 acres. Witnesses: Jacob Wilson and John Sprague. Signed by Samuel Sprague and Sarah his wife, 11 Apr., 1704. (Ibid. 20: 649.)

Samuel Sprague of Malden, blacksmith, for £34 sells Jonathan Barrett of Malden, yeoman, eight acres in Malden. Witnesses: John Sprague and Samuel Sprague 3d, 20 Apr., 1713. Samuel Sprague and Sarah his wife acknowledged this deed, 11 Apr., 1716. (Ibid. 20: 651.)

His Will.

In the name of God Amen the twenty second day of April Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-four I Samll Sprague of Malden in ye County of Middlx within his Majesties province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England blacksmith being of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that [it] is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and testament (that is to say) principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave itt and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a desent Christian manner at the discretion of my executor hereafter named: Nothing doubting but the Generall Resurection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in ye following manner and form (that is to say)

First I will that all those debts and duties as I do owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and contented and paid or ordained to be paid in convenient time after my decease by my executor hereafter named.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto Sarah my dearly beloved wife all my proper household goods to be at her own dispose forever. Also I give to my said wife eight bushels of Indian corn: and three bushels of Rey: two bushels of malt: one barrel of cyder yearly and every year so long as she shall continue my widow and in my name to be paid to her by my executor. Also my said wife shall have so many apples yearly and every year as she shall have occasion for, for her own use, Also my said wife shall have eight cord of wood handy and convenient laid at her door yearly and every year. Also my said wife shall have one hundred weight of good pork and forty weight of good beef yearly and every year paid for by my executor. Also my wife shall have five pounds in money paid to her yearly and every year by my executor. Also my wife shall have the free use and liberty of my now Dwelling House to live in: so long as she shall continue my widow with convenient land adjoyning for a garden as she shall need also liberty to keep some fowles.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Green twenty five pounds to be paid to her or her heirs by my executor: in money or as money within two years after my wife's decease; which with what she hath had shall be reckoned as her full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Green twenty five pounds to be paid unto her or her heirs: by my executor within three years after my wife's decease: which with what she hath had shall be reckoned as her full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Bucknam twenty five pounds to be paid to her or her heirs: by my executor within four years: after my wife's decease, which with what she hath had shall be reckoned as her full portion out of my estate, to be paid in or as money.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Winefred Brigden twenty five pounds to be paid to her or her heirs: by my executor within five years after my wife's decease: in or as money: which with what she hath had shall be reckoned as her full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Abigail Call twenty five pounds to be paid to her or her heirs within six years after my wife decease: which with what she hath already had shall be reckoned as her full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give unto y^e^ children of my daughter Mehetable Hay dec'd (viz.) James: Peter: Mehetabel and Mary: six pounds and five shillings in or as money, apiece, within seven years after my wife's decease: to be paid to them by my executor: which with what their mother had in her life time shall be reckoned as their full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Sam^ll^ Sprague, one piece of salt marsh lying in Malden known by y^e^ name of Sweetser's marsh containing five acres bounded northerly and easterly on Sweetser's land, westerly on Dexters land or marsh, southerly partly on Joseph Lynds and partly on y^e^ River. Also five acres and one half of land more or less bounded westerly and northerly and easterly upon sd Sam^ll^ Sprague's own land, and southerly partly on his own land partly on land of Thomas Lynds. Nevertheless, my will is that my son Sam^ll^ nor his heirs shall come into

improvement or possession of y^e^ aforesaid five acres of marsh untill after my wife's decease. Also my son Sam^ll^ or his heirs shall have sixty and six pounds in or as money: to be paid to him or his heirs within ten years after my wife's decease by my executor: which with what he hath already had shall be reckoned as his full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Sprague or his heirs two acres of salt marsh being in Malden bounded north and west on Sam^ll^ Sprague's land and marsh southerly on y^e^ Creek and easterly on John Sprague's marsh. Also my will is that my son Richard Sprague, or his heirs, shall have two hundred and sixty five pounds, in or as money: in manner and form following (that is to say) one hundred pounds within one year after my wife's decease. Also sixty five pounds within eight year next after my wife's decease, which with what he hath had shall be reckoned as his full portion out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Sprague whome I likewise constitute make and ordain my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament all and singular my lands, messuages, and tenements by him his heirs and assigns freely to be possessed and injoyed at my decease excepting what I have herein before excepted, and at my decease my stock shall be apprised and sold to pay my Funerall charges and just debts (y^e^ legacies excepted) Nevertheless if my stock doth not pay my funeral charges and just debts as aforesaid, then my will is, that my three sons (viz) Sam^ll^, Richard and John Sprague shall pay y^e^ remainder in equall proportion betwext them.

And I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former testaments wills and legacyes bequeths and executors by me in any ways before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first before mentioned

Signed sealed and published pronounced
and declared by the said Sam^ll^ Sprague as
his last will and Testament in presence
of us the subscribers Samuel Sprague

Jno Sprague
John Dexter
Josiah Waters

Be it known to all men by these presents that wheras I Sam[ll] Sprague of Malden in y[e] County of Middlesex have made and declared my last will and testament in righting baring date 22 of Aprill 1734 I y[e] sd Sam[ll] Sprague do by this present codicill confirm and ratifie my sd last will and testament and do give and bequeath unto my loving wife Sarah Sprague a good milch cow so long as she shall remain my widow for her own use and improvement to be maintained by my executor summer and winter my will and meaning is that this Codicil be judged a part of my last will and testament and all things contained herein be faithfully and truly performed in every respect in my last will

Mem[o] John Sprague y[e] executor
promised before me to perform what is further given to y[e] widow in the codicil of this will tho not signed by y[e] testator

Jon[a] Remington

Josiah Waters witness

Proved 5 Feb., 1738; presented 8 Jan., 1738, by John Sprague. John Sprague of Malden, bricklayer, gave bond with Daniel Green of Stoneham, yeoman, surety in £2000, 5 Feb., 1738. (Middlesex Probate 21094.)

15 JOHN[4] SPRAGUE (*Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, near 1670, and died apparently after 8 May, 1734. He was a worsted comber and a schoolmaster. Among the early schoolmasters of Malden, John Sprague served at various times from 1693 to 1734. The only John Sprague who was of the right age to render this service was the worsted comber. He must be distinguished from John Sprague, 2d (1652-1703), who resided in the old Flagg house next to Penny Ferry at the junction of Broadway and Bow street in what is now the western part of Everett. The schoolmaster served the town many years after the last named man's death.

From 1693 to 1703 the last named man was called John Sprague, Sr., and the schoolmaster John Sprague, Jr. — terms signifying simply older and younger.

Schoolmaster John Sprague first appears in the town records of Malden in the record of the annual town meeting, 13 Mar., 1692/3. The town clerk recorded the vote as follows: "John Sprague jun^{r} Schoolmaster." (Corey's History of Malden, 602.)

The schoolmaster was elected town clerk of Malden, 27 Mar., 1699. The following vote in his handwriting as town clerk stands on the town records:

[14 Aug., 1699] "John Sprague chose scoolmaistar for this present yeer: or for one yeer. It is left to y^{e} selectmen to agree with him what he shall have for his incurigment to keep scool for one yeer." (Malden Town Records.)

On 26 Dec., 1701, the selectmen of Malden appeared at a Court of General Sessions of the Peace at Charlestown and stated "yt they have agreed with John Sprague till next March [1701/2] to be the Schoolmaster."

At the annual town meeting held in Malden, 4 Mar., 1701/2, the town voted:

"John Sprague [is] chose scoolmarster for y^{e} yeer insuing to learn children and youth to reed and wright and to refmetick acording to his best skill. And he is to have ten pounds paid him by y^{e} Town for his pains. The scool is to be free for all y^{e} Inhabitants of this town and to be kept at

four severall places at four severall times — one quarter of a yeer in a place. In such places whar those five men shall apoint namely Leut. Henry Green, Leut. John Line, Lemuel Jenkins, Tho. Okes and Nathaniel Upham: who are chose by y^{e} town for y^{t} purpose." (Malden Town Records.)

A week later the voters of Malden changed both the teacher and the place for the school. The early schools were kept in private houses but at the annual town meeting, 1 Mar., 1702/3, the town voted: "That y^{e} scool shall be kept in y^{e} watch-hous for this yeer."

On 11 May, 1708, the town again "voted John Sprague Scoolmaster." Ten days later the town again voted "whether the Town will alow John Sprague aight pound for this present year to Be the Towns Scolmaster and the vote pased in the negitife." (Malden Town Records.)

On 8 Sept., 1710, the town entered the following vote:

"This may sartifie whome it may consern y^{t} we y^{e} subscribers have agreed with John Sprague to be y^{e} Town's scoolmastar untill y^{e} first of March next ensuing this date. Malden Sept. y^{e} 9: 1710. Henry Green, Jose[ph] Line, Natt Upham."

Where the school was kept does not appear. The first school-house was built in 1712 and on 15 May, 1713, the town voted "That y^{e} school-house shall be improved for a wach-hous when ther is an ocasion And nott to disoblige y^{e} school in sd house at aney time." Mr. Sprague did not accept in 1710.

Twenty-two years passed and the selectmen, still acting as school committee, entered upon the town records in May, 1732, the following:

"Whareas it was Left with the Select men to provide the Town a School masstter for some time not exceeding one year They have agreed with John Sprague to keep School in this Town the term of half a year for the sum of thirty pounds his time beginning the sixth of June, 1732." (Ibid. 623.) This agreement was renewed until 29 July, 1733, and perhaps for six months longer.

The Selectmen of Malden agreed with John Sprague on 24 Jan., 1732/3, to keep school in this town the term of half a year for the sum of £30; his time beginning the 29 Jan., 1732/3. This is the latest reference to the schoolmaster on Malden town records.

Schoolmaster John Sprague was apparently employed to keep a school in Malden at various times from 1692 to 1733. From all that can be learned from the town records and the county records he possessed neither wife nor children. There is no record of his death in the Malden records nor of the settlement of his estate in Middlesex County. He was in active life in Malden from 1692 to 1733 and must be identical with John Sprague of Malden, the worsted comber.

Jonathan Sprague, innholder, Samuel Sprague, yeoman, Samuel Sprague, Jr., blacksmith, Edward Sprague, weaver, Phineas Sprague, yeoman, John Sprague, worsted comber, all of Malden, and Stowers Sprague of Charlestown, for £350 sell John Cutler of Charlestown, anchorsmith, their farm in Charlestown, now in

y^e occupation of Charles Hunnewell, which was given unto them by the last will of Capt. Richard Sprague, late of Charlestown, decd.

This deed was signed by Jonathan Sprague, Samuel Sprague, Samuel Sprague, Jr., Edward Sprague, Phineas Sprague, John Sprague, Stowers Sprague, Sarah wife of Samuel Sprague, Dorothy wife of Edward Sprague, and Elizabeth wife of Phineas Sprague, 7 June, 1704. (Middlesex Deeds, 13: 588.)

John Sprague of Malden, worsted comber, for £5 sells Nathaniel Green of Malden, carpenter, three acres of land on the west side of Spot Pond brook in Malden, 10 Oct., 1714. Witnesses Samuel Sprague and Samuel Sprague, Jr. No mention of a wife. Acknowledged at Rumney Marsh, 28 Jan., 1714/15, by the grantor. (Ibid. 19: 82.)

John Sprague of Malden, worsted comber, for £12 sells John Dexter of Malden, farmer, a wood lot on the west side of Spot Pond brook of six acres, bounded on the east by Edward Sprague's land, 4 Oct., 1714. Witnesses: Samuel Sprague and Richard Dexter. No mention of a wife. Acknowledged at Rumney Marsh, 28 Jan., 1714/15. (Ibid. 21: 407.)

John Sprague, son of Lt. Samuel Sprague, late of Malden, decd, worsted comber, of Malden, for £200 sells Richard Dexter of Lynn, a tenement and [blank] acres in Malden, bounded easterly on Capt. William Greenland's land, southerly on Samuel Bucknam's land, westerly on the highway, northerly on Nathaniel Upham's land, 10 Feb., 1703/4. No mention of a wife. Acknowledged at Rumney Marsh, 14 June, 1704. (Ibid. 34: 506.)

John Sprague of Malden, worsted comber, for £12 sells John Dexter of Malden, farmer, six acres, a woodlot "in the westside of Spot Pond brook in the Rocks," 4 Nov., 1714. No mention of a wife. (Ibid. 21: 407.)

John Sprague, Sr., of Malden, for £45 sells Matthew Watson of Leicester, 40 acres in Leicester, first laid out to John Lynde of Malden, called an Island or Neck at the Pond meadow. Witnesses: Samuel Sprague and Sarah Sprague, 25 Dec., 1725. (Ibid. 27: 116.)

FIFTH GENERATION

16 Stower[5] Sprague (*John*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden near 1683; died at Newburyport, 1768, aged 85 years. He married (1) at Charlestown, 25 Jan., 1709/10, Phebe Brintnall, daughter of Lt. John and Phebe Brintnall of Chelsea. She was born 22 Nov., 1691, and died at Malden, 15 Mar., 1741/2, aged 51 years, 3 months, 22 days. He married (2) at Boston, 6 Oct., 1747, Rebecca Deal of Boston. She died 18 Oct., 1747, aged 32 years, and was buried in King's Chapel Cemetery in Boston.

Stower Sprague lived near the junction of Broadway and Bow street in what is now Everett. In his father's lifetime the farm was on Mystic side in Charlestown. Later it was set off to Malden and in 1870 to Everett. He was chosen a committee "to agree with a schoolmaster for Mistick Side, Charlestown, in 1721." (Corey's History of Malden, 493.) His farm was included in Malden before 28 June, 1727. He was active in the organization of the South Parish of Malden and was one of the grantees of the Meeting House lot there, 6 Aug., 1731. (Ibid. 528.) He was a member of the South Precinct Committee, 23 Jan., 1737/8. (Ibid. 542.)

He was chosen a surveyor, 3 Mar., 1729, and a selectman of Malden, 23 Mar., 1731/2, and again 5 Mar., 1732/3.

In the ancient Bell Rock Cemetery one reads:

HERE LYES BURIED YE
BODY OF MRS. PHEBE
SPRAGUE WIFE TO MR.
STOWER SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
MARCH 15, 1742 AGED
[51 Y. 3 M. 22 D.]

In King's Chapel Burial Ground, Boston:

HERE LYES BURIED THE BODY OF
MRS. REBECCA SPRAGUE
THE WIFE OF
MR STOWER SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE OCTR YE 18TH
1747
Æ 32.

Children, born at Malden:

i. John,[6] b. 29 Dec., 1710; settled in Newburyport; a physician.
ii. Phebe, b. in 1713; d. 6 Jan., 1718/19, a. 6 y. 4 m. 20 d.
32 iii. Benjamin, b. 27 June, 1717.
33 iv. Edward, b. 29 July, 1719.
v. Phebe, b. 15 Aug., 1721; d. 21 Jan., 1729/30.
vi. Mary, b. 29 Sept., 1723; m. Joses Bucknam.
vii. Esther, b. 5 Nov., 1726; m. 4 Mar., 1745, Dr. David Bucknam of Malden.
viii. Phebe, b. 4 May, 1730; m. 17 June, 1746, John Knower of Malden. Six children.
ix. Elizabeth, b. 26 Apr., 1732; m. 1 Nov., 1751, John Green of Malden.

17 JONATHAN[5] SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 8 Nov., 1679; died there, 8 Nov., 1719, in his 40th year. He married in Boston, 4 Apr., 1716, ELIZABETH

Hasey, daughter of Lt. Joseph and Hannah Hasey of Rumney Marsh. She was born 28 Mar., 1688, and married (2) (intention recorded in Boston, 16 Mar., 1723/4) Elisha Tuttle of Rumney Marsh. She died at Chelsea, — Jan., 1773, aged 85. Their children were: *Jacob Tuttle*, bp. at Rumney Marsh, 28 Feb., 1724/5, and *Elizabeth Tuttle*, bp. there 9 Apr., 1727. Elisha Tuttle, their father, died at Chelsea, in Oct., 1775, aged 85. (Chamberlain's History of Chelsea, 1, pp. 219, 233.)

Administration on the estate of Jonathan Sprague, Jr., late of Malden, dec'd, was granted to his widow Elizabeth Sprague with Jonathan Sprague, husbandman, of Malden, surety, 17 Feb., 1719/20. Inventory mentions dwelling house, barn and homestead of 33 acres, total, £438:15. (Middlesex Probate, 21,068.)

At Bell Rock Cemetery stands his stone (1922):

Here Lyes ye Body
of Mr Jonathan Sprague Junr
Who Decd Novbr 8th 1719
in ye 40th Year of his age.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Hannah,[6] b. 2 Feb., 1716/17; m. 10 Nov., 1736, John Call of Boston.
ii. Jonathan, b. 13 Sept., 1719.

18 Richard[5] Sprague (*Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 28 June, 1686; died there 16 Sept., 1720, aged 34 years. He made his will, 18 July, 1720, and it was proved 17 Dec., 1723. In it he mentions his

brothers John, Joseph, Nathan, David and Bunker Sprague, his two sisters Lydia and Mary. The witnesses were Samuel Sprague, Eliza. Sprague and Eliza. Sprague. (Middlesex Probate, 17: 48.)

No family has been found. At Bell Rock Cemetery stands his stone, as follows:

HERE LYES YE BODY
OF MR
RICHARD SPRAGUE
WHO DIED SEPT
16 1720 IN YE
35 YEAR OF HIS AGE

19 JOHN[5] SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 7 May, 1689; died between 15 Feb., 1738/9, and 19 Mar., 1738/9. He married at Charlestown, 20 Sept., 1711, ELIZABETH AUSTIN, daughter of Ebenezer and Thankful (Benjamin) Austin of Charlestown. She was born at Charlestown, 26 Apr., 1687; died there, 5 Apr., 1759, aged 72.

He was a gunsmith and founder, and made his will 15 Feb., 1738/9, and it was probated, 19 Mar., 1738/9. He mentions his wife Elizabeth "who may sell my right in the Second Township granted to the Narragansett Soldiers that lies at Wachusett; also a pasture in Charlestown purchased of Joshua Benjamin, to fit either of our daughters if they should marry within seven years." His son John to have £60 more than an equal share. His wife Elizabeth, Rev. William Smith of Weymouth and his son John Sprague to be executors.

John Sprague, the eldest son, bought out his brothers and sisters before 12 Sept., 1749, when the estate was divided between the widow and himself. (Middlesex Probate, 20 : 525.)

In the old cemetery in Charlestown stands their tombstones:

HERE LYES BURIED
YE BODY OF MR.
JOHN SPRAGUE
WHO DIED FEBRUARY
28TH 1739 IN YE 50TH
YEAR OF HIS AGE

HERE LYES BURIED YE BODY
OF MRS ELIZABETH SPRAGUE
WIDOW OF MR. JOHN
SPRAGUE WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE APRIL 5TH 1759
AGED 72 YEARS.

Children, born at Charlestown:

i. John,[6] b. 12 June, 1712; lived in Charlestown and Billerica.

ii. Thankful, 17 Aug., 1714; m. 9 Aug., 1744, Paul Farmer of Boston.

iii. Richard, b. 27 Aug., 1716; d. 24 Oct., 1716.

iv. Edmund, b. 22 Feb., 1717/18; d. 5 Mar., 1717/18, a. 12 d.

v. Richard, b. 30 June, 1719; d. 10 Jan., 1721/2, of smallpox.

34 vi. Samuel, b. 6 Apr., 1721.

vii. Elizabeth, b. 14 Apr., 1723; m. Samuel Waite of Malden, Boston and Newburyport.

viii. Richard, bp. 2 May, 1725.

ix. Nathan (twin), bp. 2 May, 1725; alive in 1774.

x. Mary, bp. 22 Oct., 1727; m. Nathan Waite of Charlestown.

xi. Rebecca, bp. 26 Apr., 1730; d. unm. after 29 June, 1771.

John Sprague (1689-1739) of Charlestown, gunsmith, sets forth that he and Richard Foster, Jr., of Charlestown, mariner, purchased four and one-half acres on Bunker's Hill of John Davis and Mary his wife on 12 July, 1722, and said John Sprague for five shillings sells to Richard Foster, Jr., all rights therein, 28 Feb., 1722/3. His wife Elizabeth signs with him. Acknowledged 7 Mar., 1722/3. (Middlesex Deeds, 22: 491.)

John Sprague of Charlestown, gunsmith, for £6 sells Nathaniel Lamson of Charlestown, stonecutter, and quitclaims all rights in land in Charlestown which was part of the real estate of John Mousall, late of Charlestown, yeoman dec'd and set off to his widow Dorothy Mousall, now Dorothy Lamson for her natural life and at her decease to be divided among the children of the said John Mousall, being unto his son John a double portion which said John Mousall has since sold unto John Sprague, by deed dated 12 Feb., 1724. This deed was signed by John Sprague and Elizabeth his wife, 26 Feb., 1724. (Ibid. 25: 309.)

John Sprague of Charlestown, gunsmith, and Elizabeth his wife for £160 sell John Benjamin of Charlestown, mariner, house and land in Charlestown, being the southerly part of the old house behind the meeting house and now in possession of William Sherman .... which house and land was set off to the said John and Elizabeth in right of his said wife as part of their share of her father Ebenezer Austin, dec'd, late of Charlestown .... the northerly part being set off to Sarah Butler, widow, and one of the children of sd dec'd, 30 May, 1727. (Ibid. 26: 407.)

John Sprague of Charlestown and Elizabeth (which Elizabeth is one of the daughters and heirs of Ebenezer Austin, late of Charlestown, sadler, dec'd) for £250 sell Ebenezer Austin of Charlestown, sadler (another of the children and heirs of sd Ebenezer Austin dec'd) and quitclaim unto their brother Ebenezer Austin all rights in the estate of our sd Father, 23 Nov., 1726. (Ibid. 28: 264.)

His Will.

In y^e^ Name of God Amen I John Sprague of Charlestown in y^e^ County of Middlesex and Province of y^e^ Massachusetts Bay in New England gun smith being of a sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God therefor tho weake and infirm of body and calling to mind y^e^ uncertainty of this life after having committed my Soul into y^e^ hands of God that gave it and hoping for mercy through Christ and my body to y^e^ dust to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named do for y^e^ quiet and peaceable settlement of my estate (according to mind) make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Imps. my will is that my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied by my executors out of my estate either personal or real as they shall think proper according to y^e^ power I here after give to my executors of selling and disposing.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Sprague after my debts and funeral charges are paid y^e^ whole benefit and improvement of all my estate real or personal for y^e^ space of seven years after my decease if she continues my widow I give her y^e^ same for her comfortable subsistance and to enable her to bring up my children. Also I give my said wife full power to sell and dispose of all or any part of my right title and interest in y^e^ second Township that was granted to y^e^ Narragansett Soldiers that lies at Wachusetts. I give the aforesaid to my wife to sell and dispose of if she see cause or has occasion for it for her comfortable subsistance while she remains my widow or to bring up my children y^e^ abovementioned seven years. Also I give my said wife the dower and liberty of selling my pasture in Charlestown I purchased of Joshua Benjamin if she shall have occasion for it while she remains my widow either for her comfortable subsistance or to enable her to fit out either of our daughters if they should marry within y^e^ aforesaid term of seven years only my will is that whatever my daughters or either of them shall so receive shall be accounted to them as part of their proportion in my estate when it shall be divided among my heirs as hereafter mentioned.

Itm. my will and meaning is that my son John Sprague shall have but sixty pounds more than an equal share of my estate

with y^e^ rest of my children when my estate shall be divided he having already received greater advantages from my estate than any of my other children.

Itm. my will is that if my wife should marry again within the aforesaid space of seven years that then she have but y^e^ improvement of one third part of my real estate and the half of my personal the other two thirds of my real estate and half of my personal estate I give to my children in equal parts or portions at my wife's marriage only my son John sixty pounds more than y^e^ rest as aforesaid but in case my wife should continue my widow after the aforesaid seven years then my will and meaning is that she shall have y^e^ benefit and improvement of half my estate real and personal so long as she continues my widow and at y^e^ end of y^e^ aforesaid seven years I give to my children the other half of my estate in equal parts or portions and further my will is that whatsoever of my estate my wife dies seized of that y^e^ income thereof be for y^e^ benefit of my young children to bring them up according to the tenure of y^e^ aforesd seven years after my decease and then if my wife shall be deceased my will is that all my estate be equally divided among my children.

Itm. my will is that if my wife should die before y^e^ expiration of y^e^ aforesaid term of seven years that my surviving executors have the same power and liberty of selling and disposing of that part of my estate which my wife has liberty to sell and dispose of as aforesaid, if she shall find it necessary for y^e^ bringing up of my children as aforesaid and defraying my wife's funeral charges if there be occasion all which I leave to y^e^ discretion of my executors, but in case my executors shall not think proper to sell all or any of y^e^ aforesaid lands which I have given them liberty to do within y^e^ said term of seven years after my decease that then all or any part thereof that shall be then unsold shall be divided among my children as the rest of my estate.

Itm. my will is that my estate be not inventoried after my decease.

Itm. my will is that whenever my estate shall be divided into such parts or portions as I have already mentioned it shall be done by three or five of my honest neighbours they being on oath and that my executors put y^e^ said Division on y^e^ County Records.

Finally. I constitute and appoint my said wife Elizabeth Sprague, the Rev^{d} Mr. Will^{m} Smith of Weymouth and my son John Sprague within named to be y^{e} executors of this my last will and testament y^{e} said Mr. Smith to have a decisive voice in y^{e} management of y^{e} Affair and I do hereby revoke all former or other wills by me made and ratify and confirm this only to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of February anno Dom: 1738 in y^{e} twelfth year of his Majesty's Reign

Signed, sealed published and declared by the withinnamed Testator to be his last will and testament in presence of us who subscribed our names in y^{e} presence of sd Testator John Sprague

Sam^{ll} Trumbal
Seth Sweetser
John Trumbal (Middlesex Probate, 20: 525-6.)

Proved 19 Mar., 1738. Bond £2000. Inventory of Mr John Sprague, late of Charlestown, founder, dec'd, taken 10 Sept., 1746, mentions eight acres 20 poles mowing land within the Neck with small house, barn and cyder mill £900; mansion house fronting on the main street with a smith's shop, barn and two small tenements fronting on Back street £2000; pewter £22: 8; a Bible 40s.; sermon books 20s.; 22 oz 8 dr. silver at 36/ £40: 10.

Inventory of that part of estate which John Sprague, late of Charlestown, dyed seized as found in possession of his widow at the time of her decease taken at Charlestown, 21 Apr., 1759; mentions Bible and 10 books £3; 22 oz. 1 pwt. silver at 50 per. oz. = £55: 2: 6; pew in the meeting house £27: 10; dwelling house & land £2250. (Middlesex Probate, 21060.)

20 JOSEPH[5] SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 24 Oct., 1691; died at Cambridge, 12 Mar., 1737/8, in his 47th year. He married (1) at Cambridge, 30 Nov., 1714, SARAH STEDMAN, daughter of John and Sarah (Gibson) Stedman of Cambridge. She died at

Cambridge, 29 Jan., 1722, aged about 30 years. He married (2) at Cambridge, 1 Feb., 1727/8, Eleanor Phipps. She made her will 14 Aug., 1739, mentioning her sons-in-law John and Jonathan, her daughter Eleanor, her sister Greeley and Elizabeth Grover. By occupation he was a sadler.

Children by first wife, born at Cambridge:

i. Joseph,[6] b. 20 Mar., 1714/15; d. 23 June, 1721, a. 6 y. 3 m. 3 d.

ii. Jonathan, b. 14 Nov., 1716; m. at Portsmouth, N. H., 16 Nov., 1738, Hannah Phipps; he d. 6 July, 1764.

iii. John, b. 4 Dec., 1718; physician in Boston.

Children by second wife, born at Cambridge:

iv. Eleanor, bp. 5 Jan., 1728/9; m. 14 Aug., 1749, James Putnam of Worcester.

v. Joseph, bp. 12 Sept., 1731.

Epitaphs in the Old Burying Ground at Cambridge.

Joseph Sprague | son of Mr. Joseph | & Mrs. Sarah | Sprague; Aged 6 | years 3 mo & 3 Days | Dec^{d} June 23. 1721.

Here lyes ye | body of | Mrs Sarah | Sprague, wife | to Mr. Joseph | Sprague; who | Dec^{d} Jan^{ry} 29th, 1722 | Ætatis suae 30.

Here lyes buried | ye body of | Mr. Joseph Sprague; | who departed this life | March 12th Anno Dom^{ni} 1737/8 | in ye 47th year of his age.

Here lyes buried | the Body of Mr | Jonathan Sprague | who departed this life | July the 6th 1764 | Aged 48 years.

Guardianship of John Sprague about 20 years of age, son of Joseph Sprague, late of Cambridge, was granted to Ebenezer Stedman of Cambridge with Stephen Palmer surety, 4 Sept., 1738. Bond £500. (Middlesex Probate, 21076.)

Eleanor Sprague of Cambridge, widow, "being under bodily weakness," made her will, 14 Aug., 1739, and it was proved 3 Sept., 1739. Therein she mentions her sister Greeley to have her small Bible, Elizabeth Grover, her daughter Eleanor Sprague, her friend Edm^{d}. Trowbridge, Esq., her two sons-in-law Jonathan Sprague and John Sprague. Edm^{d} Trowbridge to be executor and guardian to her daughter. Inventory mentions "one twelfth part of a farm on y^{e} south side of Charles River in Cambridge com$\tilde{o}$nly called Mr. Phipps's farm." (Ibid. 21,052.)

Joseph Sprague of Cambridge, sadler, made his will, 10 Mar., 1737/8; proved 21 Mar., 1737/8. He mentions therein his wife Eleanor, his son John to have one half of what belongs to me out of my hon^{d} father Sprague's estate, and his former wife's apparell and £100 in silver; his daughter Eleanor Sprague to have the other half of what belongs to me out of my sd hon'd father's estate; his son Jonathan to have his homestead in Cambridge, his shop and cellar under ye Town house, and Elizabeth Grover to have a bed. Son Jonathan to be executor. Jonathan Sprague, sadler, gave a bond £1500 with Samuel Whittemore, gentleman, and Ebenezer Stedman, innholder, all of Cambridge sureties 4 Apr., 1738. (Ibid. 21,074.)

21 David^{5} Sprague (*Jonathan*,^{4} *Capt. John*,^{3} *Lt. Ralph*,^{2} *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 15 Aug., 1698; died at Charlestown, 26 Dec., 1747, aged 49. He married near 1720, Abigail Russell, daughter of Philip and Joanna (Cutler) Russell of Charlestown. She died there 5 Oct., 1750, in her 51st year. She was born at Lexington, 11 Sept., 1700. He was a gunsmith and founder. He made his will 23 Dec., 1747, and it was probated 15 Feb., 1747/8.

In the ancient cemetery in Charlestown stand their tombstones which read as follows:

HERE LYETH BURIED
YE BODY OF MR.
DAVID SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE DECEMBR 26TH A. D.
1747 AGED 49 YEARS.

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
MRS. ABIGAIL SPRAGUE
RELICT TO MR. DAVID
SPRAGUE WHO DIED
OCTOBER 5TH A. D. 1750
IN YE 51ST YEAR OF HER AGE.

Children, born at Charlestown:

i. Abigail,[6] bp. 6 Feb., 1725/6; d. young.
35 ii. Jonathan, bp. 6 Jan., 1728/9.
iii. Abigail, b. 7 July, 1732; d. young.
iv. Abigail, b. 22 Nov., 1734.

David Sprague of Charlestown, founder, "being very weak in body," made his will 23 Dec., 1747, and it was probated 15 Feb., 1747/8. He mentions therein his wife Abigail, his son Jonathan then under 21, his mansion house. Witnesses: Ri. Dana, John Sprague, Samuel Goodwin. No other persons mentioned.

Abigail Sprague, widow, with John Sprague, shopkeeper, and Samuel Goodwin, both of Charlestown, sureties gave bond in £500 on 15 Feb., 1747/8, for Abigail to settle the estate. (Middlesex Probate, 21,045.)

22 BUNKER[5] SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 14 Apr., 1701; died at Medford, 9 Jan., 1728/9, in his 28th year. He married near 1723, MARTHA ——, who died as his widow, at Malden, 27 Oct., 1755. His

children Samuel and Mary were placed under the guardianship of their father's uncle Samuel Sprague of Malden in 1733.

Children, born at Medford:

36 i. Samuel,[6] b. 2 Sept., 1724.
ii. Mary, b. 12 Jan., 1725/6; alive in 1741.
iii. Bunker, bp. 4 Aug., 1728; d. — June, 1729, a. 10 m. 7 d.

23 William[5] Sprague (*Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 4 Sept., 1695; died at Malden, 21 Nov., 1747. He married at Malden, 1 Jan., 1717/18, Dorothy Floyd, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Potter) Floyd of Malden. She was born at Malden, 29 Oct., 1699; died there after 25 Nov., 1775.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Mary,[6] b. 25 Dec., 1718; m. 13 June, 1746, Thomas Waite, 3d, of Malden.
37 ii. Edward, b. 24 Jan., 1719/20; alive 15 Feb., 1747/8.
38 iii. Joseph, b. 26 Oct., 1722.
iv. Nathan, b. 24 Oct., 1724; d. 2 Sept., 1749.
v. John, b. 29 Sept., 1728; d. at Medford, 2 Aug., 1747, in his 19th year.
vi. Elizabeth, b. 12 May, 1736; m. 2 Jan., 1754, Ebenezer Wiley of Reading.
vii. Dorothy, b. 6 Feb., 1737/8; d. 20 Feb., 1737/8.
39 viii. Jonathan, b. 7 Apr., 1739.
40 ix. Israel, b. 13 Oct., 1741.

William Sprague (1695-1747) lived near the centre of old Malden. He was chosen fence viewer, 2 Mar., 1718/19, 5 Mar., 1721/2; constable, 7 Mar., 1719/20; surveyor, 1 Mar., 1724/5; tything-man for the new Meeting house, 7 Mar., 1736/7, 5

Mar., 1743/4; selectman, 6 Mar., 1737/8, selectman and assessor, 2 Mar., 1740/1, 1 Mar., 1741/2; grand juryman, 7 Mar., 1742/3, and town treasurer from 4 Mar., 1744/5, to the day of his death. He gave the town the Meeting house lot on condition that the town erect the New Meeting House thereon, 21 May, 1728. This lot was staked out at an earlier date. On 28 June, 1727, the town "voted that the new meeting house shall be sett between Lewis bridge (Main street at the Saugus branch railroad crossing) and the Pound (the site of the old engine house demolished in 1922) on the west side of the contry Roade upon a piece of Land now steaked out." There two meeting houses stood from 1728 to 1911 — when the old brick church was demolished.

On 16 Mar., 1747/8, a committee of the town reckoned with Mrs. Dorothy Sprague, executrix of the estate of Mr. William Sprague, town treasurer, late of Malden, deceased. Their report on the town records shows that among others there remains due to Edward Sprague £4: 4: 7; to Joseph Sprague £8: 19: 10, and from John Sprague £4: 10.

THE MEETING HOUSE LOT, 1728–1911,
On corner of Main and Centre streets, Malden.

William Sprague of Malden, farmer, "being in perfect memory," sells "unto the Town of Malden a piece of land purely and entirely for the building and placing a new meeting house upon the said land lying in the Town of Malden between Luises Bridge and the Pound on the west side of y^e^ Road staked out which the Hon^ble^ Com-

mittee chose by the Town of Malden for the ordering the place for the New Meeting house to stand have unanimously agreed on the said ground given by the abovesaid William Sprague to the Town of Malden if they build a new meeting house on it, this sd land is 15 rods long and ten rods wide the length northerly and southerly," bounded easterly on the road, westerly on the land of William Sprague, northerly and southerly on William Sprague. William Sprague and Dorothy his wife in token of her free consent signed 21 May, 1728, in the first year of his Majesty's Reign King George the Second. Witnesses: John Lynde and Samuel Newhall. Acknowledged at Charlestown, 16 Aug., 1729, by William Sprague. (Middlesex Deeds, 28: 275.)

Administration on the estate of William Sprague, late of Malden, decd was granted to his widow Dorothy Sprague with James Hovey, sadler, and Ebenezer Harnden, retailer, all of Malden, 15 Feb., 1747/8.

His homestead consisted of a mansion house, barn and two and one quarter acres behind y^e^ house, bounded eastwardly on the Town road, southwardly on a private way, westerly on Isaac Wheeler, northerly on Ebenezer Harnden, valued at £478: 15. One acre and a half bounded westerly on y^e^ road leading to Stoneham (Washington street) northwardly on John Sprague's meadow, eastwardly on y^e^ Mill Brook, southward on Ebenezer Harnden's meadow; five acres and a quarter called the old mill pasture bounded north and east on y^e^ country road, south on y^e^ Mill brook, west on John Sprague's land. Eighteen lots in Malden. One third to Dorothy Sprague the widow and two thirds to two of y^e^ sons, viz. Edward and Nathan Sprague. The latter to have two-thirds of the homestead. On 14 Aug., 1749, the children were: Edward, Joseph, Nathan, Jonathan, Israel, Mary Waite and Elizabeth. Thomas Waite signed as an heir.

William Sprague of Malden, yeoman, gave a bond in £800 to his son Nathan Sprague, 14 Nov., 1747.

He advanced in his life time to Edward £300, to Mary Waite £200; to Joseph £200. Heirs were Edward eldest son, Nathan, Joseph, Mary Waite, Jonathan, Israel, and Elizabeth, on 14 Aug., 1749. (Middlesex Probate, 21,104.)

24 TIMOTHY[5] SPRAGUE (*Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 23 May, 1700; died there, 10 Oct., 1765. He married (1) at Malden, 14 Apr., 1737, MARY LEGG, daughter of John and Martha (Stoddard) Legg, born in Boston, 16 Oct., 1711. She died at Malden, 5 Jan., 1739. He married (2) at Malden, 18 Oct., 1759, SARAH CONERY of Stoneham, daughter of John and Sarah (Fenson) Conery. She was baptized at Stoneham, 15 Oct., 1738.

Children, by second wife, born at Malden:

41 i. Matthew Whipple,[6] b. 24 Dec., 1760.
42 ii. Timothy, b. 2 Oct., 1762.
iii. Sarah, b. 21 Apr., 1765; m. 6 Dec., 1785, William Punchard of Salem.

Timothy Sprague (1700-1765), the miller, owned 22 acres of land between Main street and Washington street on the north of Pleasant street with a grist mill and fulling mills on Spot Pond brook. His mill was located at a place called "the water falls" at Black Rock—opposite the State Armory of 1922.

HIS MILL.

Timothy Sprague acquired possession through the assignment of a commission of the Probate Court, 12 Apr., 1728, and by purchase from the

other heirs of his grandfather Job Lane, 5 Nov., 1730. His brothers and sisters to the number of eight sell to him their rights in the inheritance of their grandfather Job Lane, 25 Nov., 1730.

He was now in the prime of life and enterprising. He erected near the old Coytmore Corn Mill, two Fulling Mills. His ancestor Edward Sprague of Upway in old England was a fuller and owned a fulling mill in that parish nearly a century and a quarter before.

Timothy Sprague was chosen a representative to the General Court from Malden, 23 Mar., 1731/2, 21 May, 1733, and 15 Mar., 1733/4; constable, 1 Mar., 1735/6; surveyor, 1 Mar., 1741/2; committee, 16 May, 1745; fence viewer, 7 Mar., 1747/8.

It was customary in colonial days for the town officers to warn out all new comers to a town who came without purchasing real estate. Occasionally the inhabitants in anticipation of such warning gave notice that a stranger or family had been taken into their homes. So it was with Timothy Sprague as the following record shows:

"Malden July the 28th 1760. This is to notify the selectmen of Malden that I have taken Hannah Conere my wife's sister to live with me and she is aged about ten years old and she is an inhabitant of Stoneham.

Attest Timothy Sprague."

Mr. Sprague was appointed a committee on the Medford bridge controversy, 18 May, 1761.

His executor Joseph Sprague of Leicester took into Timothy Sprague's house, late of Malden, the family of one Joseph Paine on 28 Mar., 1766, and gave notice to the selectmen of Malden.

His Will.

Timothy Sprague of Malden, miller, "being exercised with pain and bodily disorders" made his will 3 Oct., 1765, and it was proved 28 Oct., 1765. He mentions therein his wife Sarah. To his son Matthew Whipple Sprague he gave his grist mill and all the land on ye east side of ye middle wall that divides ye pasture viz. three divisions, with ye marsh and upland at Lewis's Creek, half his buildings at Stoneham, with half ye land on ye west side of ye road and all ye land on east and south side of sd road. Also two acres and a half lying on ye river up stream from ye Mill. "To son Timothy Sprague both my Fulling Mills and all y^e^ land to y^e^ west of y^e^ middle wall y^t^ divides y^e^ pasture aforesaid with y^e^ westerly half of y^e^ Garden before y^e^ house and y^e^ orchard northerly of y^e^ house with about half an Acre of land above y^e^ Tainter Hooks* enclosed with a wall and y^e^ Pond. My dwelling house and barn to be equally divided between my two sons and y^e^ water course dams and sluces, also y^e^ Pond and dam and waste at Stoneham to be used improved and maintained in common by my two sons as there shall be occasion." To his daughter Sarah Sprague £26 : 13 : 4 at 18. Joseph Sprague of Leicester, blacksmith, to be executor. Witnesses: Nathaniel Jenkins, Jr., Nathan Sprague, Samuel Townsend. The Inventory mentions the dwelling house and barn excluding the widow's part and Mr. Sprague's aged sister's right, £80; the mills and privileges £266 : 13 : 4.

Ebenezer Harnden, guardian to Matthew, Timothy and Sarah Sprague, returned his account, 3 Apr., 1782. (Middlesex Probate, 21,102.)

Matthew Whipple Sprague (1760-1837) sells one half of the dwelling house of the late Timothy Sprague and "all my Right

* Taintor hooks were used at his fulling mills to bring out the nap on the cloth.

to the Land that is near the House and Round the Mill with the Grist mill" to Samuel Tufts, 25 Dec., 1782, and removed to Stoneham.

Timothy Sprague, Jr. (1762-) sells his part of the same property "with all the mills excepting the grist mill" to Samuel Tufts, 3d, 6 May, 1784.

From Samuel Tufts the property passed to William Barrett, 19 Mar., 1803, and he erected thereon Barrett's Dye House.

25 EBENEZER[5] SPRAGUE (*Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 6 Nov., 1701; died at Groton in 1756. His widow died 10 Apr., 1774, aged 67. Her name was EUNICE ——.

Ebenezer Sprague and his wife were admitted to the First Church of Groton from the First Church of Dedham, 29 Oct., 1732. He resided in the Old Mill district of Harvard.

Ebenezer Sprague is supposed to have been the man of that name who enlisted in Col. Edmund Goffe's Troop of Horse, 19 Aug., and served till 4 Nov., 1724 — eleven weeks, one day. (Mass. Archives, 91: 128.) He was an innholder at Harvard 1737-1747. His daughter Jemima choked to death with dry beans, 5 Sept., 1744. (Nourse's Hist. of Harvard, 517.)

Children, born at Harvard, except first:

i. Ebenezer,[6] b. 21 Jan., 1727/8.
ii. Nathan, b. 21 Mar., 1732; d. 7 Oct., 1746, a. 14 years.
iii. Eunice, b. 16 Nov., 1733; m. Capt. Ebenezer Marsh.
iv. Anna, b. 21 Sept., 1735.
v. Elizabeth, b. 4 Aug., 1737.
vi. Mary, b. 28 Dec., 1739.
vii. Jemima, b. 20 Oct., 1742; d. 5 Sept., 1744.
viii. Jemima, b. 10 Oct., 1744.

26 HEZEKIAH[5] SPRAGUE (*Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 16 May, 1707; died at Groton, 29 Apr., 1740. He married at Dedham, 30 Oct., 1729, ELIZABETH AVERY, daughter of William and Esther (Hunting) Avery of Dedham. She was born at Dedham, 29 May, 1709. He was received into the First Church of Dedham, 14 Jan., 1727/8, and Elizabeth Avery, 19 May, 1728. They were dismissed therefrom and recommended to the First Church of Groton, 28 Oct., 1733.

Administration on the estate of Hezekiah Sprague, late of Groton, decd, was granted to his widow Elizabeth Sprague with John Gilson, gentleman, and Jonathan Holden, husbandman, both of Groton, sureties, 28 July, 1740. Inventory mentions homestead in Groton, £450; fifty acres in Needham, £280; taken 1 Sept., 1740. (Middlesex Probate, 21,055.)

Children, born at Dedham and Groton:

i. Elizabeth,[6] b. 2 Sept., 1731.
ii. John, b. 22 Aug., 1733.
iii. Jonathan, b. 30 Oct., 1735.
iv. William, b. 22 Mar., 1738.
v. Hezekiah, b. 23 May, 1740.

27 PHINEAS[5] SPRAGUE (*Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 13 Jan., 1700/1; died there, 13 June, 1775, aged 75. He married at Medford, 9 Apr., 1723, REBECCA LYNDE, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Tufts) Lynde of Malden. She was born at Malden, 14 July, 1696; died there, 30 Apr., 1788, as widow of Phineas, in her "94th* year."

* Tombstone record.

Children, born at Malden:

43 i. Phineas,[6] b. 19 Sept., 1725.

ii. Rebecca, b. 8 Apr., 1730; m. at Malden, 27 Nov., 1751, Joseph Howard of Malden. He d. there, 8 Feb., 1776, a. 49. She d. there, a widow, 18 July, 1790. Seven children.

Phineas Sprague (1701-1775) lived in the Sprague homestead which stood near 123 West Foster street in that part of old Malden which is now Melrose. His grandfather Capt. John Sprague settled on that farm — called the Ell Pond farm — as early as 1652.

He was chosen a tythingman, 4 Mar., 1728, and a constable, 3 Mar., 1745/6.

The old road leading to his house was a private way and the town passed the following vote, 15 Apr., 1751:

"Voted that the town dos grant liberty to Phinehas Sprague, Nathaniel Howard, Samuel Sprague, Thomas Vinton, Benoni Vinton and Phinehas Sprague Jr. to work out their highway rates for the term of three years upon a private way that leads from Jonathan Howards hous to the said Phinehas Spragues."

In anticipation of a warning he gave the following notice:

"To the Selectmen of the town of Malden this is to inform you that on the 20 third of this instant March I took into my house a boy named Daniel Goold he came last from Stoneham. Malden the 27th day of March 1761. Phinehas Sprague."

Again a similar notice is recorded:

"To the Selectmen of Malden. Gentlemen this is to inform you that on the eighthteenth of March last I took into my house

in this town the widow Joanna Burditt and her daughter Joanna Burditt, both from Stoneham, and they are in good health. Malden Apr. the 1st 1766 By me Phinehas Sprague"

Phinehas Sprague served as a sentinel in Capt. Caleb Brooks's Troop of Horse from 22 Sept., to 27 Sept., 1746,—a period of six days. His residence is given as Charlestown. (Mass. Archives, 92:37.)

Phineas Sprague of Malden and Phineas Sprague, Jr., of Malden, both served as privates in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Co. of Militia which marched to Watertown on the alarm of 19 Apr., 1775, by order of Col. Gardner. This service was for one day. (Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14: 760.)

The fact that both names are on the same military record establishes the fact that both father and son marched together on that ever-to-be-remembered, 19 April, 1775.

In the ancient Bell Rock Cemetery their memorials were placed, as follows:

THIS STONE
IS SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
MR. PHINEHAS SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
JUNE 13TH 1775 IN YE
76TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.

IN MEMORY OF
MRS REBEKAH SPRAGUE
WIDOW OF THE LATE
MR. PHINEHAS SPRAGUE
WHO DIED APRIL 30TH 1788
IN THE 94TH YEAR
OF HER AGE

FATHER, I GIVE MY SPIRIT UP,
AND TRUST IT IN THY HAND
MY DYING FLESH SHALL REST IN HOPE
AND RISE AT THY COMMAND.

HIS WILL.

In the name of God amen, the twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine and in the tenth year of his Majesties reign, I Phinehas Sprague of the town of Malden in the county of Middlesex in his Majesties province of the Massachusetts Bay, yeoman, being in a good measure of health in body and of perfect and sound mind and memory, thanks be given unto God: Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, and to inherit everlasting life: And my body I commit to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me and bless me with, I give demise and dispose of the same in following manner and form that is to say —

First. I will that all my just debts, funeral and probate charges shall be paid and discharged in convenient time after my decease by my executor hereafter named, out of that part of my estate that I herein give to him.

Item. I give and bequeath to Rebecca Sprague my dearly beloved wife the use and improvement of the west end of the dwelling house I now dwell in, so long as she remains my widow (said west end of said house to extend easterly to the middle of the chimney of said house and so from the middle of said chimney due north and south) with only an equal liberty to pass and repass in the entries, and up and down stairs in said house with my son Phinehas Sprague and also I give to my said wife the use

and improvement of a garden before said house and the use and improvement of one half of the yard behind said house and a liberty of using the well near said house and of passing and repassing in the path and yard that is before said house and of laying wood in said yard so long as she remains my widow.

Further, I give to my wife all my indoor moveables and houshold goods, to be by her freely possessed and enjoyed and to be at her own dispose for ever (except my gun, sword and hetchel and all my wearing apparell). And also I give to my wife the liberty of keeping a swine to run and feed near said house and also a liberty of keeping dung hill fowles that are to have liberty to go about said house and in my old barn so long as she remains my widow and also I give to my wife the liberty of taking and using so many apples as she may have occasion for, for her own use in summer season and four bushels of apples for the winter season out of my orchards yearly and every year, so long as she remains my widow and also I give to my wife all the use and benefit of one good milk cow to be found, provided and kept by my son Phinehas Sprague yearly and every year so long as my wife remains my widow; said cow to be kept with my said son's cows and as well as he keeps his own cows and also I give to my wife a liberty of riding a horse (suitable for her to ride on) to meeting as she may have occasion, so long as she remains my widow: said horse to be provided, found and kept convenient for her by my said Son.

And also I give to my wife five bushels of Indian meal and two bushels of rye meal and two barrels of cider and four cords of merchantable wood, cut suitably, delivered seasonably, and laid conventienly near the door of said house, annually by my said son. And my will is that my said son Phinehas Sprague shall yearly and every year deliver to my wife said five bushels of Indian meal and said two bushels of rye meal and said two barrels of cider and said four cords of wood a quarter part thereof in each quarter of the year, yearly and every year so long as she remains my widow. Also I give to my wife two lodes of good faggots to be delivered to her near the door of said house annually. And also I give to my wife four dollars annually to be paid to her by my said son Phinehas Sprague yearly and every year so long as she remains my widow and no longer. And also

I give to my wife a hundred pounds of good pork to be paid to her by my said son Phinehas Sprague yearly and every so long as she remains my widow and no longer, except as herein excepted.

Further, my will is (that if my wife should not be married again after my decease) that she shall be decently buried at the discretion of my executor, and at his cost and charge.

Item. I give to my well beloved son Phinehas Sprague his heirs and assigns forever all my whole estate both real and personal and moveable of every name, nature and kind whatsoever that I die seized and possessed of, that is mine either in possession or reversion (except my indoor moveables and household goods, that I have herein given to my wife and except the improvement of those parts of my real estate that I have herein given to my wife so long as she remains my widow as herein mentioned) to be by him my said son Phinehas Sprague freely possessed and enjoyed and to be at his own dispose forever, except as herein excepted, with this condition only that what I herein order him to pay or deliver as executor or otherwise be paid or delivered by him or his heirs executors or administrators as herein ordered but otherwise on default in the payment or delivery therof, that part of my estate I herein give to him shall be responsible for the payment and delivery thereof as herein mentioned. And further my will is and I do hereby constitute, make and ordain my said son Phinehas Sprague my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter Rebecca Howard her heirs and assigns forever the sum of twenty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of the province aforesaid to be paid to her by my son Phinehas Sprague within three years next after my wife's decease, viz. one half thereof: and the other half thereof within six months next after my wife's decease, to be by her my said daughter Rebecca Howard freely possessed and enjoyed, and to be at her own dispose forever. And the reason that I herein give my said daughter Rebecca Howard no more is because I think I have given her to the value of Thirty Pounds lawful money already.

Furthermore, my will is that if my wife see reason rather to have the improvement of the third part of my real estate, than

to have the yearly dowrie or dowries herein already mentioned, and doth have her thirds set out by order of the Judge of Probate for Wills; my will is that my wife shall have but one half of the indoor moveables and household goods, that I have herein already mentioned, that she should otherwise have had and also of my cows, that she shall choose so long as she remains my widow: And then my son Phinehas Sprague my executor shall be and hereby is acquitted and cleared from paying any part and every part of said yearly dowrie or dowries, that I have herein ordered him to pay to her by this my will.

Further, my will is that if I should leave any other estate, at the time of my decease, that I have not herein already disposed of, I give it to my said son Phinehas Sprague, his heirs and assigns forever.

Furthermore, if said last mentioned cow should grow old or die before my wife's decease: My will is and I hereby order that upon my wife's desire and her sesigning said cow to my said son Phinehas Sprague he shall deliver to my said wife another good milk cow to be used by my wife for her benefit so long as she remains my widow and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills and legacies, bequests and executors by me in any ways before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year abovewritten

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Phinehas Sprague as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers viz. Jonathan Green
Jonathan Green Jr.
Rebecca Green

Phinehas Sprague

Proved 18 July, 1775. (Middlesex Probate Records, 56: 212-6.)

28 Capt. SAMUEL[5] SPRAGUE (*Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 27 Sept., 1712; died at Chelsea, 15 Apr., 1783.

He married (1) at Malden, 11 Jan., 1736/7, MARTHA HILLS, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Hills. She was born at Malden, 21 Mar., 1714/15, and died there, 13 Sept., 1750. He married (2) (intention recorded at Chelsea, 9 Oct., 1752), RACHEL FLOYD, daughter of John and Mary (Tuttle) Floyd of Chelsea. In his will dated 26 Apr., 1773, John Floyd of Chelsea gave his daughter Rachel, wife of Samuel Sprague, £10. She died at Chelsea in June, 1786, aged 73.

Children by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Martha,[6] b. 23 Oct., 1737; m. 1757, Joseph Green of Stoneham and Chelsea. Eight children.
ii. Elizabeth, b. 31 Jan., 1738/9; m. 4 Aug., 1757, Joseph Pratt of Malden.
iii. Mary, b. 25 Dec., 1740; m. 26 May, 1762, Caleb Pratt.
iv. Sarah, b. ——, 1743; m. 3 Jan., 1765, James Stower of Chelsea.
v. Samuel, b. ——, 1745; d. 4 Sept., 1768, a. 23.
vi. Lydia, b. 23 May, 1748; m. 12 Sept., 1771, Jonathan Williams. Eight children.
vii. Lois, b. 13 July, 1750; m. 3 Feb., 1772, Isaac Green.

Child by second wife, born at Chelsea:

viii. Rachel, b. 19 Sept., 1756; m. 20 May, 1776, Jonathan Hawkes.

Samuel Sprague (1712-1783) of Chelsea was Captain of a Chelsea Co. of Militia which marched on the alarm of 19 Apr., 1775, serving fifteen days. He also was Captain of a Co. of Lieut. Col. Loammi Baldwin's Regt. (later under command of Col. Samuel Gerrish). He served from 4 May, to 1 Aug., 1775, —a period of three months five

days. He was also Captain of one of the four companies of Col. Samuel Gerrish's Regt., stationed at Chelsea, 8 Aug., 1775. He was among the effectives at Chelsea, 5 July to 26 Aug., 1775. His was the Ninth Co. of Lieut. Col. Baldwin's Regt. He was appointed Captain, 3 May, and was in the service at Chelsea as late as 2 Oct., 1775. His allowance of rations was for 184 days to 31 Dec., 1775. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14: 761.)

The following inscriptions are from the Rumney Marsh Burying Ground:

Here lies buried the body of Capt. Samuel Sprague, who departed this life Apr. the 15th 1783, aged 70 yrs.

Prepare all friends to follow me
If you the face of God in love do hope to see.

Here lyes y^e^ body of Mr. Samuel Sprague, son of Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Martha Sprague, who departed this life Sept. the 4th, 1768, in y^e^ 23d year of his age.

His Will.

Samuel Sprague of Chelsea, gentleman, being sick and weak in body, made his will, 1 Apr., 1783, in the seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America, as follows: He made his sons-in-law Joseph Green and James Stower, both of Chelsea, executors. To his wife Rachel Sprague he gave one third of the value of all his household good and furniture excepting his wearing apparel, artillery, ornaments and moneys. He gave her two cows, the liberty of using a horse to be provided so long as she remains his widow, the keeping of two winter and summer, the improvement of his dwelling house that he bought of Daniel Tuttle so long as she remains his widow, the house to be kept in repair by his executors, twelve bushels of Indian corn, four bushels of Rye, two bushels of malt, seventy pounds of pork,

ninety pounds of good beef, eight pounds of wool, twenty of flax, two barrels of cyder, and apples for her use, six cords of wood and four pounds in silver money yearly and every year so long as she remains his widow, etc. To his daughters, Martha Green, Elizabeth Pratt, Mary Pratt, Sarah Stower and Lydia Williams he gave each one seventh part of his estate excepting what is herein ordered to be paid. To his grandchildren, the children of his daughter Lois Green decd one seventh on like conditions. To his grandchildren, the children of his daughter Rachel Hawks decd one seventh. His negroes Ceasar and Peg to be decently supported during their natural lives by his executors. The children of his daughter Rachel Hawks to have their support before they come of age. Proved 19 Apr., 1783. (Suffolk Probate, 82 : 307.)

Inventory of the estate of Capt. Samuel Sprague, late of Chelsea decd taken 26 Mar., 1784. Items, his dwelling house in Chelsea bought of Col. Azor Orn with 32 acres adjoining, a house and 32 acres bought of Tuttle in Chelsea, 26 acres of woodland in the north east corner of Malden, three other woodlots in Malden and two woodlots in Lynn — total value £768 : 15 : 6; large stock of cattle; printed books, gold sleeve buttons; silver tea spoons, total estate £1081 : 4 : 10. (Ibid. 83 : 246.)

29 Capt. Samuel[5] Sprague (*Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 2 Feb., 1688/9; died at Stoneham, 7 May, 1753, in his 65th year. He married (1) at Malden, 20 Mar., 1716/17. Joanna Lynde, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Green) Lynde of Malden. She was born at Malden, 22 Feb., 1696/7; died at Stoneham, 17 June, 1739, aged 43 y. 3 m. He married (2) Mary ——, who survived him. She may have married at Stoneham, 23 Nov., 1762, Dea. James Mayes of Boston.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Joanna,[6] b. 31 Dec., 1717; d. unm. after 10 June, 1754.
ii. Samuel, b. 2 Jan., 1719/20.

iii. Thomas, b. 1 May, 1721.
44 iv. Nathan, b. 21 Aug., 1724.
v. Mary, b. 25 Dec., 1726.
vi. Mehitable, b. 9 Aug., 1729; bp. at Stoneham, 21 Sept., 1729; m. Richard Fillebrown of Cambridge.
vii. Jonathan, b. 13 Dec., 1731; bp. at Stoneham, 19 Dec., 1731.
viii. Jabez, bp. at Stoneham, 3 Feb., 1733/4.
ix. Sarah, bp. at Stoneham, 26 May, 1737.
x. David, bp. at Stoneham, 19 Apr., 1741.

Administration on the estate of Samuel Sprague, late of Stoneham dec'd, was granted to his son Samuel Sprague, blacksmith, with Peter Hay, gentleman and James Hay, cordwainer, sureties, all of Stoneham, 28 May, 1753.

His inventory mentions his "dwelling house, barn and 105 acres of land £3000; deaf and dumb negro boy £200. The following books, viz. Burket's Annotations on the New Testament £8; one pocket Bible 12s.; one old broken Bible 5s.; a book called Bunyans on the two Covenants 8s.; another book the almost Christian 6s.; another book called Letters on Spiritual Subjects 7s.; another book made by Mr. Mather 4s.; another book made by Eben^{r} Frothingham 15s.; another book called An Essay to Do Good 7s.; total £11- 4; real estate £5396: 2: 4; personal estate £1511: 2: 4."

His heirs were his widow Mary Sprague, Samuel eldest son, Thomas, Jonathan, Joanna Sprague, Mary Sprague and Mehetable Fillebrown, on 10 June, 1754. The commissioners called Samuel, eldest son, Thomas, second son, Jonathan a son. Widow Mary Sprague died before 8 Feb., 1774, when one-third of the real estate was assigned to Capt. Samuel Sprague, eldest brother, and Thomas Sprague, the other brother. Joanna Sprague was then non compos mentis. (Middlesex Probate, 21,096.)

He was called Elder in 1753, probably because he was a Ruling Elder in the Church of Stoneham.

Samuel Sprague, his son, enlisted as ensign in Capt. Jonathan Green's Stoneham Co. of Col. William Brattle's Regt. of militia in Middlesex County, 29 Dec., 1763. He appears as Captain of Stoneham Co., Col. William Brattle's Regt., in June, 1771. (Mass. Archives, 99: 71 and 403.)

30 RICHARD[5] SPRAGUE (*Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, near 1692; died at Medford, 9 Dec., 1766, aged 72 years. He married (1) at Charlestown, 25 Dec., 1722, ABIEL *alias* ABIGAIL WHITTEMORE, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Susannah (Frost) Whittemore. She was born at Charlestown, 6 Aug., 1701; died at Medford, 27 Aug., 1757, aged 56 years. He married (2) at Medford, 24 Aug., 1758, JOANNA OAKES, probably widow of Edward Oakes who died at Medford, 22 Apr., 1752. She died at Medford, 20 Dec., 1786, aged 86.

Children, born at Medford:

i. Richard,[6] b. 23 Sept., 1723.
ii. James, b. 8 Aug., 1725; d. 6 July, 1728, a. 2 y., 10 m., 27 d.
iii. Abial, b. 23 Feb., 1726/7; d. 12 July, 1728, a. 1 y., 4 m., 18 d.
iv. Abihal, b. 13 Oct., 1728; m. 25 May, 1757, Joshua Eustis of Chelsea.
v. James, d. 25 June, 1730.
vi. Mary, b. 11 July, 1731.
vii. James, bp. 28 Oct., 1733.
viii. Ebenezer, b. 12 June, 1735.

ix. Huldah, b. 18 Jan., 1737/8; m. 12 Oct., 1757, Jonathan Frothingham of Charlestown and Danvers.
x. Joseph, b. 13 July, 1739.
xi. Stephen, b. 25 Feb., 1740/1; d. 21 Feb., 1742/3.

Administration on the estate of Richard Sprague, late of Medford, decd was granted to Joshua Eustis of Chelsea, yeoman, and Ebenezer Sprague of Danvers, barber, with Jabez Whittemore, innholder, and William Lamson, shay-body-maker, both of Charlestown, sureties, 3 Mar., 1767. The thirds of Joanna Sprague, widow, were set off to her, 5 May, 1767. (Middlesex Probate, 21,092.)

He served as a sentinel in Capt. Samuel Brooks's Co. from 22 Sept., to 23 Sept., 1746, — two days. (Mass. Archives, 92: 62.)

Richard Sprague, Jr., probably the son, enlisted before 22 Mar., 1757, in His Majesty's service under Lord London in Col. Brattle's Regt. He also appears as a private in Capt. Thomas Cheever's Co. from 21 Mar., to 23 Oct., 1757, in the expedition to Crown Point, — thirty-one weeks. The account shows that he was charged 6 shillings for chocolate, cheese and sugar. (Mass. Archives, 95: 225; 96: 53, 66.)

31 Dea. John[5] Sprague (*Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 15 Sept., 1708; died at Woodstock, Conn., 11 Dec., 1795. He married (1) at Malden, 11 Apr., 1734, Judith Green of Stoneham. She was daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bucknam) Green, born at Malden, 22 Sept., 1715. He married (2) at Stoneham, 12

Apr., 1758, Dorothy (Green) Brown of Stoneham. She was daughter of Jacob and Dorothy (Lynde) Green, born at Malden, 24 May, 1714. She died a widow at Woodstock, Conn., 6 Mar., 1805, aged 90 or 91 years. He removed from Stoneham to Killingly, Conn., about 1752, and later to Woodstock, Conn.

Daniel Green of Stoneham made his will, 1 Jan., 1754, in which he gave to his "daughter Judith Sprague, wife of John Sprague (they have a son Daniel Sprague) two lots of land in Malden." (Descendants of Thomas Green, 16.)

Children, born at Malden:

45 i. John,[6] b. 20 Apr., 1735.
ii. Judith, b. 16 Jan., 1736/7.
iii. Sarah, b. 29 Apr., 1738.
46 iv. Daniel, b. 31 Jan., 1739/40.
v. Mary, b. 17 Feb., 1741/2.
vi. Phebe, b. 5 Feb., 1743/4.
vii. David, b. 18 Apr., 1746.
viii. Eunice, b. 14 Dec., 1748.
ix. Ann, b. 20 Nov., 1750.

John Sprague (1708-1795) of Malden, yeoman, for $1,477.75, sells Samuel Waite of Charlestown, yeoman, several pieces of land in Malden, first containing 31 acres 114 poles, with a dwelling house and barn thereon, bounded easterly on the land of Samuel Sprague, Jr., northerly and easterly on the land of the widow Dorothy Sprague and partly on the land of Nathan Sprague, northerly on the land of Timothy Sprague, westerly on the land of John Dexter and southerly on the land

of Ebenezer Harnden, and other lots, 2 Apr., 1750. Signed by John Sprague and Judith his wife. (Middlesex Deeds, 49: 181.)

This man was styled John Sprague, Jr. (meaning younger), 8 May, 1739. On that day he sells John Dexter of Malden one and one-quarter acres in Malden and his wife Judith signs with him. The witnesses were John Sprague and Samuel Dexter. (Ibid. 40: 620.)

There was, therefore, living in Malden between 24 Dec., 1725, and 8 May, 1739, a John Sprague, who was older than the abovenamed John Sprague, born in 1708.

SIXTH GENERATION

32 BENJAMIN[6] SPRAGUE (*Stower*,[5] *John*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 27 June, 1717; died there, 15 Feb., 1791. He married at Malden, 20 Mar., 1743, PHEBE LYNDE, daughter of Col. Joseph and Mary (Sprague) Lynde. She was born at Malden, 16 Feb., 1726/7; died there in 1820, aged 94; married (2) at Malden, 20 Mar., 1792, Ezra Sargent, Esq., of Malden.

Children, born and baptized in the South Parish of Malden:

i. Benjamin,[7] b. 18 Mar., 1743/4; bp. 4 Oct., 1747.
ii. Edward, b. 25 Sept., 1745; bp. 4 Oct., 1747; d. before 15 Dec., 1780.
iii. Phebe, b. 29 Nov., 1747; bp. 29 Nov., 1747; m. (1) 13 Apr., 1769, Asa Hatch of Boston. Four children.
iv. Mary, b. 25 Dec., 1749; bp. 31 Dec., 1749; d. 30 June, 1752, a. 2 y. 6 m.
v. Elizabeth, b. 29 Jan., 1751/2; m. 28 Mar., 1773, Naler Hatch of Boston.
vi. Mary, b. 21 July, 1754; bp. 28 July, 1754; m. 13 Jan., 1774, Cleft Hatch of Pembroke.
vii. John, b. 31 Aug., 1756; bp. 5 Sept., 1756; d. before 15 Dec., 1780.
viii. Hannah, b. 13 Aug., 1758; bp. 13 Aug., 1758; m. 14 May, 1780, John Graham; she d. in July, 1793. Four children.
ix. Joseph, b. 9 Feb., 1761; bp. 15 Feb., 1761; d. young.
x. Joseph, b. 9 Feb., 1763; bp. 20 Mar., 1763.
47 xi. Stephen, b. 27 July, 1764; bp. 5 Aug., 1764.
xii. Asa, b. 18 Nov., 1767; bp. 29 Nov., 1767.
xiii. William, b. 27 Nov., 1771; bp. 1 Dec., 1771; d. at Malden, 27 Oct., 1794, a. 23 y.

Benjamin Sprague of Malden made his will, 15 Dec., 1780, and it was lodged in the Probate office, 28 Mar., 1791. He mentions therein his nine children now living, viz. Benjamin, Joseph, Stephen, Asa, William, Phebe, Elizabeth, Mary and Hannah. His wife Phebe to have his estate "for the great care she has taken of me under my long confinement." Witnesses: Stephen Sweetser, Nathan Lynde and Rebecca Barington. Probate 5 Apr., 1791, sets forth that Stephen Sweetser has since deceased. Widow Phebe Sprague executrix. William Sprague served the citation 5 Mar., 1791. Bond £10,000 with Ezra Sargent, Esq., and Nathan Lynde, gentleman, all of Malden sureties. Inventory mentions 45 acres £225 and part of a dwelling £45; total £310: 7: 8. (Middlesex Probate, 21,043.)

Benjamin Sprague (1717-1791) was chosen surveyor of Malden, 6 Mar., 1748/9, 5 Mar., 1753; constable, 5 Mar., 1749/50, 20 Mar., 1760; haward (hay ward), 7 Mar., 1757, 3 Mar., 1760, and 2 Mar., 1761; selectman and assessor, 6 Mar., 1758. His tax for 1759 was £2: 7. Nothing more appears on the town records till, 5 Apr., 1784, when the town "voted to forgive parte of the rates of Benjamin Sprague." This was undoubtedly during his "long confinement."

Benjamin Sprague served as a sentinel in Capt. Caleb Brooks's Troop of Horse, from 22 Sept., to 27 Sept., 1746. His residence is given as Charlestown. At that time his house was within the present limits of Everett about forty rods east of Charlestown line. (Mass. Archives, 92: 37.)

Benjamin Sprague of Malden served as a private in Capt. Benjamin Hasting's Co. of Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt. at Prospect Hill by a return dated, 6 Oct., 1775. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14: 746.)

Benjamin Sprague, Jr., of Malden, served as a private in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Co. of Militia, which marched to Watertown on the alarm of 19 Apr., 1775, for one day. He also served in Capt. Benjamin Hastings's Co. of Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt. from 26 Apr., to 1 Aug., 1775, — a period of three months, thirteen days. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14: 749.)

He and his wife Phebe were admitted to full communion in the Second Parish of Malden, 20 Sept., 1747. Twelve of their children were there baptized. On 13 May, 1757, he and his wife with others desired to be dismissed to the First Church of Malden but their request was not granted. They resided in that part of Malden which is now Everett.

These inscriptions are in the Bell Rock Cemetery:

In Memory of
Mr Benjamin Sprague
Who died Febry 15th 1791
Æ 74

Mary Sprague
Daur of Mr Benjamin
& Mrs Phebe
Sprague Died June
ye 30th 1752 Aged
2 years & 6 mons

In Memory of
Mr. William Sprague
Son of Mr Benjamin
& Mrs Phebe Sprague
who died Oct 27
1794 Æ 23.

33 EDWARD[6] SPRAGUE (*Stower*,[5] *John*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 29 July, 1719. The Ralph Sprague Genealogy confuses him with Edward Sprague (37) the son of William Sprague of Malden. He was not the Edward Sprague who married at Malden, 4 July, 1744, Lydia Howard, and 23 Nov., 1749, Dorothy Skinner. What became of this Edward Sprague is not apparent from Malden records.

34 SAMUEL[6] SPRAGUE (*John*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Charlestown, 6 Apr., 1721. He married (1) at Charlestown, 5 Apr., 1744, MARGARET NEWELL, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Phillips) Newell. She was born at Charlestown, 16 Sept., 1722; died there 26 Mar., 1759. He married (2) at Charlestown, 28 May, 1760, SARAH EATON of Boston. He was a founder by trade. Admitted to the First Church of Charlestown, 5 Apr., 1741, and wife Margaret, 14 Oct., 1744. He was living at Charlestown in 1773. Sarah Sprague, widow of Samuel, is perhaps the one who died in Boston, in Mar., 1786, aged 56. (Mass. Magazine.)

Samuel Sprague of Charlestown appears as a private in Capt. John Codman's Co. 22 Sept., and 23 Sept., 1746 — two days. (Mass. Archives, 92: 60.)

Child by first wife, born at Charlestown:

i. Margaret,[7] b. 3 Dec., 1744; m. Col. David Wood, Jr., of Charlestown.

Children by second wife, born at Charlestown:

ii. Samuel, bp. 26 Feb., 1764.
iii. Sarah, bp. 7 July, 1765.
iv. Mary, bp. 28 June, 1767.
v. Jenny Day, bp. 26 Dec., 1773.

35 JONATHAN[6] SPRAGUE (*David*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Charlestown and baptized there, 6 Jan., 1728/9; died there, 5 June, 1759. He married in Charlestown, 27 Dec., 1750, REBECCA GILL, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Abbot) Gill of Charlestown. She was born there, 10 June, 1730; she was taxed in Charlestown, 1764. His heirs claimed for loss in the destruction of Charlestown, 17 June, 1775.

Jonathan Sprague of Charlestown served as a private in Capt. John Codman's Co. 22 Sept. and 23 Sept., 1746 — two days. (Mass. Archives, 92: 61.)

Children, born at Charlestown:

i. David,[7] b. near 1752.
ii. Elizabeth, bp. 27 July, 1755.
iii. Michael, bp. 8 May, 1757.
iv. Moses, bp. 11 Mar., 1759.

Jonathan Sprague of Charlestown, founder, made his will, 22 May, 1759, and it was probated, 19 June, 1759. Therein he mentions his wife Rebecca and his four children David, Elizabeth, Michael and Moses. His wife Rebecca and her brother Moses Gill of Boston, brazier, to be executors. Witnesses: Mich[ll] Brigden, Timothy Brigden and Seth Sweetser. His inventory mentions two Bibles and other books, 120 s.; pew in the Meeting house £110; bond of Phineas Sprague £202; dwelling house, barn and land adjoyning, £950; land near Moulton's Point, £450; total £3170: 18. (Middlesex Probate, 21,071.)

36 SAMUEL[6] SPRAGUE (*Bunker*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Medford, 2 Sept., 1724; died at Malden, 17 Sept., 1797, aged 73. He married at Malden, 24 Jan., 1749/50, ELIZABETH WADE, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Lydia (Newhall) Wade of Malden. She was born at Medford, 18 May, 1729; died at Malden, 13 Sept., 1802.

Children, born at Malden:

48 i. Bunker,[7] b. 30 Oct., 1750; changed his name to Ebenezer Harnden, 26 May, 1773. (Mass. Acts and Resolves, 6 app. 1.)

ii. Elizabeth, b. 26 Jan., 1752; d. 27 May, 1752.

iii. Samuel, b. 11 May, 1753.

iv. Martha, b. 30 Oct., 1755; m. 28 Nov., 1775, Moses Hall of Malden. Eleven children.

v. Elizabeth, b. 9 Feb., 1757.

vi. John, b. 7 June, 1758.

vii. Simon, b. 2 Feb., 1762.

Samuel Sprague (1724-1797) was chosen fence viewer of Malden, 5 Mar., 1749/50, 4 Mar., 1754, 1 Mar., 1762, 24 Feb., 1767; constable and hogreeve, 4 Mar., 1750/1; fence viewer and constable, 2 Mar., 1751/2; tythingman, 3 Mar., 1755; tythingman and hayward, 1 Mar., 1756; fence viewer and surveyor of wheat, 7 Mar., 1763; hayward, 5 Mar., 1764; committee, 4 Mar., 1765; selectman, 5 Jan., 1773. He was elected a committee of Correspondence "to communicate and correspond with the committee of y^e^ town of Boston and any other towns on y^e^ subject of our present difficulties," by the Town of Malden, 5

Jan., 1773. He was again on a committee of Correspondence, 25 Aug., 1774, 4 Mar., 1776, 5 Aug., 1779; and a committee to draw up instructions for the representative, 20 Sept., 1774; likewise a committee to reckon with the town treasurer of Malden, 6 Mar., 1775.

Samuel Sprague and Samuel Sprague, Jr., were a committee to make a part of the Town's ammunition into cartridges, 25 May, 1775.

On 4 Mar., 1776, Samuel Sprague was chosen a committee to estimate the damages "sundry persons of the Town have sustained from the Continental soldiers stationed in the same"; a committee on Accounts, 20 Sept., 1779, and again, 6 Mar., 1780. He was chosen, 5 Mar., 1781, a committee to take under consideration the Repeal of the Tender Act, and 6 July, 1781, to reckon with the committee that hired the six months' men. He was a committee to present a memorial to the General Court, 14 Jan., 1782, and to consult with the proprietors of the school house by the North Meeting house in Malden, 26 June, 1783, and to procure proprietors to build a new school house near the said North Meeting house.

The abovesaid Samuel Sprague was a very active citizen of old Malden from 1749 to 1783. He was chosen to town office the last time, 26 June, 1783. He could not have been Capt. Samuel Sprague who lived near the Chelsea town line as that man died 15 Apr., 1783.

Samuel Sprague appears as a sentinel in Capt. Caleb Brooks's Troop of Horse, from 22 Sept. to

27 Sept., 1746—a period of six days. (Mass. Archives, 92: 37.)

Samuel Sprague and Ebenezer Harnden, Jr. (son of said Samuel) of Malden for £290 : 17 : 2 mortgage to Benjamin Lincoln of Boston, the easterly half of a dwelling house with the land adjoining in Malden, 30 Aug., 1785. Elizabeth wife of Samuel Sprague and Mary the wife of Ebenezer Harnden, Jr., sign the deed with their husbands. (Middlesex Deeds, 89 : 298.)

Elizabeth Sprague, widow, and Ebenezer Harnden, yeoman, both of Malden, for $566 sell Samuel Wheeler of the same town, cordwainer, the easterly end of a dwelling and several lots in Malden, 24 Apr., 1799. Mary Harnden, wife of Ebenezer, signs with him. Witnesses: Polly Harnden and Ebenezer Harnden, Jr. (Middlesex Deeds, 134 : 80.)

This confirms the fact that their eldest son, Bunker Sprague, changed his name to Ebenezer Harnden, Jr., 26 May, 1773, and was associated with his parents so long as they lived. He probably cared for his mother in her widowhood.

Samuel Sprague was chosen a member of the committee to reconcile those who are disaffected with the union of First and Second Parishes of Malden, 14 Jan., 1793.

Samuel Sprague and his wife Elizabeth were members in full communion of the First Church of Malden, in 1772. He was chosen a delegate to the North Church of Salem, 11 Jan., 1773. He appears as a member of the council, 31 Aug., 1791, and was chosen a member of the committee to call Rev. Aaron Green as colleague pastor, 27 Aug., 1795. He was also selected to wait on the selectmen of Malden and request a town meeting to assist in providing for the council and in attending y^{e} solemnities of the ordination of Mr. Green. (Congregational Church Records.)

37 EDWARD[6] SPRAGUE (*William*,[5] *Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 24 Jan., 1719/20; died there shortly before 19 Aug., 1775. He married (1) at Malden, 4 July, 1744, LYDIA HOWARD, daughter of Jonathan and Mercy (——) Howard of Malden. She was born there, 21 Apr., 1722. He married (2) at Medford, 23 Nov., 1749, DOROTHY (WADE) SKINNER, widow of Abraham Skinner who died before 5 Apr., 1742, and probably a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Lydia (Newhall) Wade, born at Medford, 22 Feb., 1710/11. Her daughter by her first husband, *Dorothy Skinner*, was baptized at Medford, 21 Mar., 1742, being in her 3d year and died at Malden, unmarried, 25 May, 1773.

Edward Sprague was a cordwainer. At the town meeting in Malden, 2 Mar., 1746/7, he was chosen hogreeve, and 18 May, 1761; his tax was forgiven him, 14 May, 1747; he was elected surveyor, 4 Mar., 1750/1, 4 Mar., 1754, 5 Mar., 1764, 7 Mar., 1768, and 7 Mar., 1774; selectman and assessor, 6 Mar., 1758; warden, 2 Mar., 1761; tythingman, 1 Mar., 1762, 5 Mar., 1770; fence-viewer, 3 Mar., 1766; surveyor, sealer of leather and hogreeve, 4 Mar., 1771; hayward, 2 Mar., 1772, and warden and surveyor, 6 Mar., 1775.

Child by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Mercy,[7] b. 17 Apr., 1745; m. 2 Oct., 1761, Joseph Burditt of Malden.

Child by second wife, born at Malden:

ii. John, b. 20 Aug., 1750; d. 17 Sept., 1753.

In the settlement of Jonathan Howard's estate there is filed the following paper:

Malden, Dec. 5, 1765. This may certify that I know and acknowledge that Lydia Howard, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Howard, late of Malden, dec'd did about the time she was married to me receive of her sd Father to the value of £26: 13: 4 in house goods in advance of her portion in her sd Fathers estate and as part thereof.

pr me Edward Sprague.

(Middlesex Probate, 12,156.)

Among the heirs was Ezra Sargeant guardian to Joseph Burditt grandchild of Jonathan Howard dec'd, 26 Apr., 1785. The Judge ordered the administrator to pay to James Sweetser great grandchild of the deceased by his daughter Lydia dec'd, £10: 7: 6, on 5 Oct., 1785. (Ibid.)

Administration on the estate of Edward Sprague, late of Malden, cordwainer, dec'd was granted to Joseph Burditt, cordwainer, with James Kettell, innholder, both of Malden, and William Burditt of Medford, housewright, sureties in £300, 19 Aug., 1775. His inventory was taken, 28 Aug., 1775, by Ebenezer Harnden, Thomas Hills and James Kettell. It mentions his "wigg," dwelling house, barn and land adjoining £80, land on the other side of the road £8; one acre over the brook, £12; salt marsh, woodland and fresh meadow; total £191: 10: 7.

On 24 Dec., 1783, his heirs were: Lydia Sweetser, wife of James Sweetser, a granddaughter of the deceased and Anna Howard, a sister-in-law of the deceased.

Commissioners appraized and distributed the real estate, 3 May, 1784, describing his dwelling and six acres 40 rods whereon the buildings stand, bounded southerly on the road leading to Medford (Pleasant street) easterly on a Lane leading to Stoneham (Washington street), northerly on Nathan Sprague's land and westerly on Capt. Ebenezer Harnden's land. They then set off three pieces to Joseph Burditt, grandson of the deceased, valued at £127: 13: 9 and to Lydia Sweetser granddaughter of the deceased the homestead and three other pieces of equal value. Final settlement, 6 May, 1784, sets forth that Joseph Burditt and Lydia Sweetser are grandchildren of Edward Sprague by his daughter Burditt who died before her father. (Middlesex Probate, 21,050.)

38 Sergt. JOSEPH[6] SPRAGUE (*William*,[5] *Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 26 Oct., 1722; died at Leicester, 17 Sept., 1792. He married at Malden, 7 Jan., 1747/8, PHEBE HUTCHINSON of Malden. She was daughter of John and Mary (——) Hutchinson, and was born at Malden, 5 May, 1724; died 8 Jan., 1811, aged 86 y., 7 m., 23 d.

Joseph Sprague served as Sergeant in Capt. Oliver Witt's Co. of Col. John Chandler, Jr's. Regt., from 10 Aug., to 18 Aug., 1757, marching for the relief of Fort William Henry from Leicester to Sheffield. (Mass. Archives, 95: 537.) He resided on the old Sprague homestead about one mile north of the Meeting-house in Leicester.

Children, born at Leicester:

i. Sarah,[7] b. 19 Nov., 1748; m. 29 July, 1766, Daniel Upham of Templeton. She d. 26 Sept., 1812.
ii. Mary, b. 29 May, 1751; d. 4 June, 1751.
iii. Timothy, b. 23 June, 1752; d. 2 Feb., 1815, a. 62 y. 6 m. 29 d.
iv. Mary, b. 28 May, 1755; m. 12 Oct., 1783, Peter Silvester. She d. 17 June, 1832, a. 77.
v. John, b. 5 Apr., 1760.
vi. William, b. 15 Mar., 1763; m. Sally Sargent, who was b. 20 Mar., 1763.

39 JONATHAN[6] SPRAGUE (*William*,[5] *Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 7 Apr., 1739; died at Randolph, Vt., Jan., 1822. He married (1) 11 Apr., 1760, MARY TOWNSEND, daughter of Solomon and Mary Townsend, who died 16 Mar., 1761. He married (2) at Medford, 8 Aug., 1762, TABITHA BURDITT of Malden.

She was daughter of Joseph and Tabitha (Paine) Burditt, and was born at Malden, 10 Mar., 1739/40. She died 15 May, 1806.

Jonathan Sprague served as a sentinel in Capt. William Peirce's Co. of Col. John Winslow's Regt. from 31 May, to 30 Sept., 1754, — four months, 11 days; residence, Stoneham. (Mass. Archives, 93: 132, 139a.)

Jonathan Sprague served as a private in Capt. Seth Blodgett's Co. of Col. William Brattle's Regt., and marched from Medford to Shrewsbury on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry, 16 Aug., 1757, — serving six days and marching 75 miles. He also served in Capt. Ebenezer Marrow's Co. of Col. Jonathan Bagley's Regt. for the reduction of Canada from 28 Mar., to 19 Nov., 1758, — eight months, 13 days. (Ibid. 95: 247; 96: 336.)

Jonathan Sprague of Malden, miller, for £1827 : 10 sells Samuel Sprague of Boston, trader, 8½ acres in Malden, 6 May, 1780. Tabitha his wife signs with him. (Middlesex Deeds, 88 : 164.) He removed from Malden to Randolph late in life.

Child by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Jonathan,[7] b. 11 July, 1760; bp. 9 Sept., 1764.

Children by second wife, born at Medford, except eighth and ninth:

ii. William, b. 17 Aug., 1763.
iii. Mary, b. 19 Apr., 1765; m. Daniel Kenney.
iv. Lucy, b. 5 July, 1767; d. 29 Nov., 1793.
v. Dorothy, b. 12 Feb., 1769.
vi. Elizabeth, b. 26 Sept., 1770.

vii. John, b. 6 Jan., 1773; bp. 11 Jan., 1773.
viii. Edward, b. 5 July, 1774; d. 21 July, 1774.
ix. Lydia, b. 13 Dec., 1776; m. Ezekiel Story of Randolph, Vt. Seven children.
x. Edward, b. 20 Nov., 1779.
xi. Dorcas, b. 7 Jan., 1780; m. Jonathan Smith.
xii. Darius, b. 10 Dec., 1781.

Jonathan Sprague (1739-1822) of Malden was chosen surveyor of lumber, 6 Mar., 1775; a committee to procure money and pay the same to ye soldiers that voluntarily enlist for three years or during the war by the town of Malden, 24 Feb., 1777. At a town meeting, 3 Mar., 1777, he was chosen a committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, and on 17 Apr., 1777, a committee to put the act of the General Court into execution; 2 Mar., 1778, tythingman, surveyor of lumber and committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; 1 Mar., 1779, warden and surveyor of lumber and committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; 21 June, 1779, he was a committee to hire money for the bonus men, and 5 Aug., 1779, a committee to value certain articles of commerce.

40 ISRAEL[6] SPRAGUE (*William*,[5] *Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 13 Oct., 1741; died at Phillipston, 21 Nov., 1823, aged 82. He married at Leicester, 25 Mar., 1762, PHEBE HASEY, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Upham) Hasey of Chelsea. She died at Athol, 13 June, 1782, aged 41. He married (2)

at Templeton, 16 Oct., 1783, Mrs. Ruth (Larned) Fisk, daughter of Moses and Ruth (Hill) Larned of Templeton. She died, 27 Feb., 1813, aged 57.

Israel Sprague of Malden served in Capt. Ebenezer Marrow's Co. of Col. Jonathan Bagley's Regt. raised for the reduction of Canada, 14 Apr., and served till 20 Nov., 1758, — 7 months, 25 days. (Mass. Archives, 96: 337.)

Children by first wife, born at Athol:

i. Dorothy,[7] b. 16 Dec., 1762; d. there, 4 May, 1844.
ii. Hasey Floyd, b. 1 Nov., 1765.
iii. Esther, b. 28 Oct., 1768; m. 5 Jan., 1786, Ebenezer Knight.

Children by second wife, born at Phillipston:

iv. Israel, b. 21 Sept., 1784; d. 23 May, 1795.
v. Ruth, bp. 22 June, 1789.
vi. ——, b. and d. 5 May, 1790.
vii. William, bp. 31 May, 1791.

41 Matthew Whipple[6] Sprague (*Timothy*,[5] *Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 24 Dec., 1760; died at Stoneham, 30 Mar., 1837. He married at Chelsea, 7 Oct., 1779, Lydia Hadley. She died at Stoneham, 17 Mar., 1824.

He was chosen hogreeve at the annual town meeting in Malden, 21 Feb., 1785. He removed to Stoneham and was living there in 1790. His family then consisted of one male over 16 years of age, three males under 16 and two females. (Mass. Census, 1790, p. 153.)

Children, born at Stoneham:

i. Matthew Whipple,[7] b. ——, 1781; d. at Stoneham, 28 Dec., 1828, a. 47.
ii. Child, b. ——; d. 6 Jan., 1786.
iii. Timothy, b. 21 Oct., 1786.
iv. Lydia, b. 27 Feb., 1789; m. 7 Sept., 1834, William Barton.
v. Edward, b. near 1792. One Edward Sprague, d. at Stoneham, a widower, 29 Aug., 1874, a. 90 y., 8 m., 17 d. His parentage is not stated in the return of deaths. Mary Sprague, perhaps his wife, d. at Stoneham, 24 Oct., 1871, a. 81 y., 9 m., 25 d. She was daughter of John and Hannah Wright, b. at Stoneham, 30 Jan., 1790.

42 Timothy[6] Sprague, Jr. (*Timothy*,[5] *Capt. Edward*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 2 Oct., 1762. He married at Tewksbury, 18 Oct., 1785, Azubah Needham, daughter of John and Prudence (Stearns) Needham. She was born at Tewksbury, 10 Oct., 1764. They removed to New Hampshire near 1800, and lived in Henniker in that state.

Children, born at Billerica:

i. Sally,[7] b. 6 Feb., 1786.
ii. Timothy, b. 12 Feb., 1788.
iii. John, b. 3 Jan., 1790.
iv. William, b. 22 Jan., 1792.
v. Aaron, b. 4 Dec., 1793.
vi. Alice, b. 14 Mar., 1797.
vii. Betsey, b. 16 Dec., 1798; m. 24 May, 1818, Abijah Hildreth. She d. 7 Feb., 1868. Four children.
viii. Ebenezer, d. at Henniker, N. H., 3 Apr., 1810.

43 Sergt. Phineas[6] Sprague (*Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Mal-

den, 19 Sept., 1725; died there, 29 Dec,. 1805, in the 81st year of his age. He married (1) at Malden (intention recorded there, 21 Sept., 1748), HANNAH GOULD, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Pearson) Gould of Stoneham. She was born at Stoneham, 6 Feb., 1726/7; died at Malden, 13 May, 1770, aged 43 years. He married (2) at Malden, 22 Nov., 1770, SARAH FOWLE of Charlestown. She died at Malden, 19 Oct., 1810, aged 75 years. She was the widow of Joseph Fowle of Woburn who died before, 12 June, 1760. The administration calls her husband Samuel Fowle but the three children were recorded on Woburn town records as the children of *Joseph* and Sarah Fowle. Samuel Fowle of Woburn was surety on the bond of the widow Sarah Fowle, 12 June, 1760. Her daughter Susannah Fowle married her stepfather's son Dr. John Sprague of Malden.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Hannah,[7] b. 19 Nov., 1749; d. 7 June, 1752, a. 2½ yrs.
49 ii. Phineas, b. 6 July, 1751; d. 9 Apr., 1833.
50 iii. John, b. 13 Jan., 1754; d. 21 Oct., 1803.
iv. Daniel, b. 18 Feb., 1755; d. 11 Oct., 1773, a. 18 yrs.
51 v. William, b. 1 June, 1756; d. Jan., 1780, in 24th year.
vi. Hannah, b. 5 Sept., 1757; m. 6 Apr., 1776, Unite Cox of Malden. Eleven children.
52 vii. Jonathan, b. 30 July, 1761.
viii. Mary, b. 14 Feb., 1763; m. 14 Apr., 1782, Benjamin Lynde of Malden. Thirteen children.
53 ix. Cotton, b. 30 Aug., 1765.
x. Samuel, b. 1 Sept., 1768; d. 23 Dec., 1768.

Phineas Sprague (1725-1805) inherited the old Sprague homestead on West Foster street in what

is now Melrose. He was chosen a constable, 3 Mar., 1755.

The town clerk of Malden under date, 2 May, 1785, spread on the records: "A petition from Phinehas Sprague, Phinehas Sprague, Jr., Unite Cox, Ezra Howard and William Upham as followeth:

"Mr. Moderator, please to inform the town that there is a very bad piece of way between the House of Phinehas Sprague and the Cuntry road and see if the town will give us the subscribers liberty to worke out our highway rates in said way for time to come or at all such times as the surveyors shall think needfull. Malden May 2, 1785. Voted, that the petitioners have liberty of working out their rates in the road abovementioned for three years."

Phineas Sprague of Malden, called at his first enlistment Jr., served as a private in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Co. of Militia which marched to Watertown, on the alarm of 19 Apr., 1775, by order of Col. Gardner. This service was for one day only. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14 : 760.)

He again served as a private in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Co. from Malden and marched to Point Shirley, 13 June, 1776, by order of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln. This service was for three days. (Ibid. 14 : 760.)

Phineas Sprague of Malden served as Sergeant of Capt. Stephen Dana's Co. of Col. Josiah Whitney's Regiment which marched to Rhode Island,

3 May, 1777, and served two months, seven days in the vicinity of South Kingston, R. I. (Ibid. 760.)

He was an ardent patriot and was present at the battle of Bunker Hill. S. Osgood Wright in his Historical Discourse delivered in Malden on Thanksgiving Day, 1 Dec., 1831, said of him:

"He was fifty years of age at the breaking out of the war; but was one of the men connected with Capt. [Naler] Hatch's company, mentioned as starting for Concord in the night, after having lain at Beacham's Point during the day. Mr. Sprague [or his father] was very deaf; but his heart was as impervious to fear as his ears were to sound. And when the rest of his party was flying from the view of the enemy, he was seen upon a piece of rising ground swinging his hat and shouting victory." (Bi-Centennial Book of Malden, 1850, p. 177.)

He kept a diary in which he recorded many of the remarkable events of his time. From it his description of the Dark Day, 19 May, 1780, is reproduced in Goss's History of Melrose, 85. From it also is learned of the loss of his son William Sprague who entered the naval service during the Revolutionary War and was never heard from again.

He purchased from Thomas Nickels of Reading a negro woman named Pidge with a negro boy for £33: 6s. 8d. on 25 Apr., 1753, as is learned from the deed of purchase.

During his lifetime he owned several negroes

and the late Artemas Barrett of Melrose told an interesting story relating to him in 1876. It seems that he was able to make the credulous "darkies" believe that he could find out by arithmetic any mischief that they might do. One day a neighbor complained that he had reason to believe that Mr. Sprague's negro had stolen a cart chain. Mr. Sprague called the negro up and told him he suspected he had been doing wrong and that unless he owned up, he should figure it out. There was no confession, and, so Mr. Sprague took a piece of chalk and a board and sat down to cipher. In a few moments he musingly said: "Links three inches long; links three inches long; what does that mean?" Then turning to his colored servant he said: "Pomp, you have been stealing sausages." Astonished at such arithmetic, Pomp replied: "No, Massa, me no steal sausage, me steal cart chain."

The following story appeared in the Melrose Journal in 1875: Phineas Sprague (1725-1805) grandfather of Capt. Phineas Sprague (1777-1869) of Melrose made a great effort to cross the Mystic River during the progress of the battle of Bunker Hill, but was prevented by an English vessel in the river. At low water there was a foot-way to the channel and a boat to cross with. Being very courageous he tried to cross but was shot at from the vessel. Several times he made the attempt and several times they shot nine-pound balls at him which missing the mark lodged in the bank of the river. He afterwards dug one of the balls

out said he wanted to keep it to remember the devils by. That ball was in possession of the writer of the story.

Phinehas Sprague of Malden, yeoman, for $285 sells Cotton Sprague of Malden, yeoman, five pieces of land, all in Malden, "formerly belonging to my grandfather Mr. Phinehas Sprague of Malden who died in the year 1736 and by his last will given to his two sons Phinehas Sprague my father and Samuel Sprague my father's brother; that in the year 1761 I bought Mr. Samuel Sprague's right in said estate for which I have his deed and the half of said estate was given to me in my father's will."

The first piece is pasture being that part that lies before my dwelling house called the plain containing ten acres, bounded northerly beginning by a willow tree near the highway, then northeasterly partly on the highway and partly on land of Joseph Howard till it comes to Spot Pond brook, southerly on said Spot Pond brook to a cedar with stones round it, the corner of Jonathan Sprague's land.

The second piece is one acre lying near the back side of my house [the site of 123 West Foster street, Melrose] bounded easterly on the land of Joseph Howard, northerly on Jonathan Sprague's land and the edge of the rocks, westerly near Jonathan Sprague's land, allowing him a way one rod in width from the bars where the cattle go up the rocks to the bars at his cow-yard, southerly on the wall to Joseph Howard's land, 10 Mar., 1802. (Middlesex Deeds, 165: 467.)

THIS STONE ERECTED
TO THE MEMORY OF
MR PHINEHAS SPRAGUE
WHO DIED DECR 29TH AD 1805
IN THE 81ST YEAR OF HIS AGE.

HIS ALMS, WITH LIBERAL HEART HE GAVE
UNTO THE SONS OF NEED
HIS MEMORY WILL TO AGES LIVE
THOUGH HE IS GONE IN DEED.

In Memory of
Mrs. Hannah Sprague
wife of
Mr. Phinehas Sprague
Who died May 13th
1770
In the 44th Year of her age.

She was a beauty in her day
In virtue she excell'd
There was no Parson that could say
Deceit did in her dwell.

Sacred
to the Memory
of
Mrs. Sarah Sprague
Relict of
Mr Phinehas Sprague
who died Octbr 19, 1810
Aged 75 Years.

When on this Ground you tread
To meditate on the dead
Improve the moments as they fly
For all who live must shortly die.

In Memory of
Daniel Sprague
son of Mr Phinehas Sprague
Who died Octr 11, 1773
Aged 18 Years

When blooming youth is snatched away
By deaths all conq'ering hand
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
Which pity must demand

Joseph Fowle.

Joseph Fowle appears in a list of men belong- to Maj. Joseph Richardson's Co., said list being dated at Woburn, 24 Sept., 1755, engaged for the expedition against Crown Point. (Mass. Archives, 93: 202.) He again appears in Col. Eleazer Tyng's Regt. in His Majesty's service, age 29, residence Woburn, enlisted 2 Apr., 1759, for the expedition to Lake George. He was reported to have had his own arms, and took the oath. He also enlisted in Capt. Joseph Newhall's Co. of Col. Jonathan Bagley's Regt. and was in service at Louisburg from 1 Jan., to 30 Mar., 1760, when he was discharged. (Ibid. 97: 162 and 98: 482.)

Inventory of the estate of Joseph Fowle late of Woburn, dec'd apprized 29 Sept., 1760. Sarah Fowle administratrix to the estate of her late husband Joseph Fowle, late of Woburn. She mentions "a journey and expenses to Boston to get the wages due to the deceased for going into His Majesties service 4s. For bringing up and clothing her two youngest children till 7 years old, £9: 14: 6. The inventory mentions books 3s.; bullet mold, sword and powder horns, 2/6; a Province Note £6; exhibited 6 Oct., 1760." (Middlesex Probate, 8,333.)

Sarah Fowle of Woburn, widow, was appointed guardian unto Samuel, Susannah and Joseph, all under 14, children of Samuel* Fowle, late of Woburn, dec'd, 12 June, 1760. Samuel Fowle, cordwainer, of Woburn was surety. (Ibid. 8,357.)

Administration on the estate of Samuel Fowle, late of Woburn, dec'd, was granted to his widow Sarah Fowle with Samuel Fowle, cordwainer, and Benjamin Richardson, yeoman, all of Woburn sureties, 12 June, 1760.

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* These children were Joseph Fowle's and not Samuel Fowle's.

It is apparent that the administration paper contains the name of Samuel Fowle for Joseph Fowle.

Children, born at Woburn to *Joseph* and Sarah Fowle:

i. Samuel, b. 31 Aug., 1753.
ii. Susannah, b. 23 Jan., 1756; m. at Malden, 2 Jan., 1781, Dr. John Sprague.
iii. Joseph, b. 9 Mar., 1758.

PHINEAS SPRAGUE'S WILL, 1805.

In the Name of God amen the 21 day of Nov. in the year of our Lord 1805 and in the thertyeth year of the Independence of the United States of America

I Phinehas Sprague of the Town of Malden in the county of Middlesex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman being in a good measure of health of body and of a sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be given to God therefor calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping through the merits death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named not doubting but at the resurrection of the just I shall receive it again renewed and amended by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me and bless me with in this life I do give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form that is to say First I will and order that all my just debts funeral and probate charges shall be paid and discharged in a convenent time after my decease by my executors here after named out of that part of my estate that I herein give to them one half by one of them and the other half by the other of them and I do ordain that within one year next after my decease that there shall be a

decent and proper pair of grave stones prepaired and set up at my grave not less than them that now stand at my Fathers grave at the equal cost of my executors and I do will and likewise appoint constitute make and ordain my two sons namely Jonathan Sprague and Cotton Sprague my only sole executors of this my last will and testament.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Sarah Sprague all the goods household stuff that belonged to her before she was married to me that may be found in my house at the time of my decease. I also give to my wife the liberty to take and use so much of my household stuff as she shall need for her own use so long as she remains my wido but she shall not dispose of it nor lend it She shall not take my gun nor my stillyards nor my blue chest that stands in my lower room nor anything that is in said chest and I do order sons shall find my wife two good cowes one to be kept by Jonathan Sprague and the other by Cotton Sprague so long as she remains my wido that the said cows shall keep as well as they keep there own cows winter and summer and drove to pasture and returned with them I give to my wife the east lower room in my dwelling house and the east back kitchen and the back seller and the east end of my back leanto chamber and liberty to keep her sauce in the great seller in the winter. I also give to my wife the improvement of one half of my garden at the east end of my house and behind my house and liberty to go [to] the pump for water at all times and liberty to go into my orchard and take as many apples as she shall need for her own use. I also give to my wife five cord of good firewood yearly to be brought to her door as she need it and cut sutable for her fire the one half to be brought to her by Jonathan Sprague and the other half by Cotton Sprague. I give to my wife one hundred pound weight of good pork and forty pound of good beef yearly and every year so long as she remains my wido I give to my wife six bushels of Indian meal and two bushels of rye meal two barrels of cider four bushel of potatoes half bushel of turnips and four pound of sheeps wool and ten pound of good flax all these things I have given to my wife are to be paid to her yearly so long as she remains my wido and no longer except her own household stuff all these things I order to be paid to her yearly or as often as she needs them the one half by Jonathan Sprague and the

other half by Cotton Sprague and in case my said wife should be sick and not able to take care of herself I do order my sons to provide her some person to be with her and take care of her who shall be boarded and paid the equal cost of my executors and further I give to my wife ten dollars a year to be paid to her quarterly in money every year during her natural life one half by Jonathan Sprague and the other half by Cotton Sprague I give to my wifes grandson John Sprague fifty dollars to be paid to him in one year after my wifes decease the one half to be paid to him by Jonathan Sprague and the other half by Cotton Sprague.

Notwithstanding what is afore written that in case my wife should be dissatisfied with what I have herein given to her and refuses to except thereof in lieu of her thirds in my real estate and has her thirds in my real estate set off to her then my will is that she shall not have any part in my personal nor moveable estate nor house hold stuff and I do hereby order that my said son Jonathan Sprague and Cotton Sprague shall be discharged and clear from paying or doing or performing any part of the afore mentioned dowries and services of all sorts and money for my wife in case she has her thirds set out of my real estate and furthermore my will is that in case my wife has her thirds set out of my real estate that my sons Jonathan Sprague and Cotton Sprague shall be discharged and cleard from paying the fifty dollars that I have given herein to my wifes grandson John Sprague and I do order that if my wife dies my wido that she shall be decently buried at the equal cost of my executors.

Item. I give to my eldest son Phinehas Sprague or to his heirs the sum of four hundred dollars one hundred dollars to be paid to him in one year after my decease and another hundred dollars to be paid to him in one year next after my wife and my decease and another hundred dollars to be paid to him in four year next after my wife and my decease the one half of each payment is to be paid by Jonathan Sprague and the other half by Cotton Sprague. The reason for my giving him no more is because I have given him so much before.

Item. I give to my beloved son Cotton Sprague and to his heirs and assigns and to be at their own dispose forever my dwelling house and my barn and stable with that piece of land that these buildings stand upon called my house lot excepting

that part of my house and garden and other liberties that I have herein given to my wife these are excepted so long as she improves them and no longer and after my wifes decease I give to my son Cotton Sprague and to his heirs and assigns forever all that part of my house and garden that I have herein given to my wife Now that piece of land abovementioned called my house lot that I have herein given to my son Cotton Sprague is by estimation about half an acre be the same more or less is butted and bounded as follows easterly on the land of Joseph Howard westerly and southwesterly on the highway till it comes to a Willow tree at Jonathan Spragues land westerly on Jonathan Spragues land till it comes to Jonathan Spragues lane then northerly on Cotton Spragues land till it comes to Joseph Howards land again. I also give to my son Cotton Sprague and to his heirs and assigns and to be to their own dispose forever the one half of all the rest of my land that I die seized of and have in possession at the time of my decease both in Malden and Stoneham and half my right in a lot of marsh in Chelsea called Hoks Point. I also give to my son Cotton Sprague the one half of all my personal estate and out doore moveables that I have in possession at the time of my decease.

Item. I give to my beloved son Jonathan Sprague and to his heirs and assigns and to be at their own dispose forever the one half of all my land that I die seized of and have in possession at the time of my decease excepting my house lot and garden both in Malden and Stoneham and one half of my right in a lot of marsh in Chelsea called Hoks Point I give to my son Jonathan Sprague the one half of all my personal estate and out door moveables that I have in possession at the time of my decease and whereas I have sold to my son Jonathan Sprague some years ago an old house and barn and some land for which he promised to pay me or to my heirs a sum of money Now I do clear the said Jonathan Sprague from paying or allowing any thing for the said house barn and land and I do order my son Cotton Sprague to pay to his brother Jonathan Sprague one hundred and fifty dollars — fifty dollars of said money to be paid to him in five year next after my decease and fifty dollars more in eight years after my wife and my decease and the other fifty in ten years after my wife and my decease. The reason for my order-

ing Cotton Sprague to pay so much to his brother Jonathan Sprague is because the house I have given to Cotton Sprague is so much better than his Brothers.

Item. I give to my daughter Hannah Cox or to her heirs the sum of one hundred and forty dollars to be paid to her in five years next after my wife and my decease seventy dollars to be paid by Jonathan Sprague and the other seventy dollars by Cotton Sprague. The reason for my giving her no more is because I have given her so much before.

Item. I give to my daughter Mary Lynde or to her heirs the sum of one hundred forty dollars to be paid to her in six years after the decease of my wife and myself seventy dollars to be paid to her by Jonathan Sprague and the other seventy by Cotton Sprague. The reason for my giving her no more is because I have given her so much before.

Item. I give to the children and heirs of the late Doctor John Sprague deceased one hundred and twenty dollars to be paid to them as soon as the youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years old. The reason for my giving them no more is because I have given so much to their father in his life time, the one half to be paid by Jonathan Sprague and the other half by Cotton Sprague.

Item. I give to my son Phinehas Sprague all my clothes and wearing apparel that shall be in my house at the time of my decease and also one half of my books that I shall leave at that time.

Item. I give to my son Jonathan Sprague one half the money that I shall have by me or due to me at that time and also my great stillyards and great hatchel.

Item. I give to my son Cotton Sprague the one half of all my money that I shall have by me or due to me at the time of my decease and also one half of my books and my blue chest and my gun and after my wife's decease my clock and the two Planes that hang up in my lower room.

Item. I give to my daughters Hannah Cox and Mary Lynde after the decease of my wife all the rest of my household stuff and goods that shall be in my house and shall equally be divided by them excepting those things that formerly belonged to my wife.

Furthermore my will is that in case either Jonathan Sprague or Cotton Sprague shall fail payment of what I have herein or-

dered that their land shall be responsible for the payment thereof and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments wills executors by me before this time named and do confirm this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year herein afore written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Phinehas Sprague as his last will and testament In presence of us the subscribers

Phinehas Sprague

Amos Howard Junr
Nathaniel Howard
James Green Jr. Lodged in Probate, 1 Jan., 1806.
(Middlesex Probate, 21,085.)

The inventory mentions three pictures, one share in the Malden Social Library $2.25; three volumes American Revolution $4; Hervey's Meditations and Seneca's Morals $1.50; sundry bound books $3; sundry pamphlets $2; Job Orton's Works and the Pilgrim's Progress $1.50.

44 NATHAN[6] SPRAGUE (*Capt. Samuel*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 21 Aug., 1724. He married there, 17 Apr., 1750, MARY HOVEY, daughter of Dea. James and Elizabeth (Mellins) Hovey of Malden. She was born at Malden, 24 Oct., 1727.

Nathan Sprague served as a sentinel in Capt. Caleb Brooks's Troop of Horse, from 22 Sept., to 27 Sept., 1746,— six days; residence in Charlestown. (Mass. Archives, 92: 37.)

He and his wife were apparently living in Malden in 1790. (Mass. Census, 147.) He was living in Malden, 8 Apr., 1795.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Elizabeth,[7] b. 22 Feb., 1751/2; d. 28 Mar., 1751/2.
ii. Elizabeth, b. 14 Dec., 1753; m. 28 Mar., 1773, Naler Hatch of Boston.
iii. Mary, b. 7 Apr., 1756; m. 13 Jan., 1774, Cleft Hatch of Pembroke.
iv. Sarah, b. 12 Oct., 1759; admitted to the First Church of Malden, as Sarah Sprague daughter of Nathan, 28 May, 1780.
v. James Hovey, b. 1 Apr., 1765.
54 vi. William, b. 26 Aug., 1766.

Edward Sprague, Nathan Sprague and Mary Waitt wife of Thomas Waitt, Jr., of Malden, yeomen, and Joseph Sprague of Leicester, blacksmith, and Elizabeth Sprague, Jonathan Sprague and Ezra Sprague under the age of 21, children of William Sprague of Malden, dec'd, the widow of sd William namely Dorothy Sprague being guardian to Elizabeth, Jonathan and Ezra Sprague, for £48 sell Nathan Sprague of Malden aforesaid, yeoman, and quitclaim into him all their rights in Dorothy Sprague's thirds of her said husband's estate, 1 Oct., 1751. (Middlesex Deeds, 51 : 190.)

Nathan Sprague of Charlestown, founder, for £190 sells John Sprague of Charlestown, founder, one half of my share of estate in Charlestown which belonged to my father John Sprague deceased, 16 Dec., 1748. (Ibid. 46 : 114.)

Nathan Sprague of Malden, yeoman, for £67 : 9 : 4 sells Timothy Sprague of Malden, miller, land bounded n. & w. on the Creek or River and land at southern end of Sandy Bank, bounded northerly partly on the River, partly on southerly end of Sandy Bank and partly on the burying place, 18 Nov., 1751, Mary wife of grantor signs. (Ibid. 50 : 496.)

Joseph Sprague of Leicester, blacksmith, Nathan Sprague of Malden, yeoman, and Dorothy Sprague, widow, of Malden, for £40 sell ⅔ of several lots in Malden to Benjamin Blaney of Malden, tanner, with a dwelling house and barn, 19 June, 1766. Mary wife of Nathan Sprague signs. (Ibid. 67 : 257.)

Nathan Sprague of Malden, yeoman, for £120 sells his son William Sprague of Malden, mariner, three pieces of land — two in Malden and one in Stoneham. The first piece contains two and one half acres with the buildings thereon, bounded south and east on the road that leads from Malden to Stoneham (Washington street), etc. Mary wife of the grantor signed with him, 19 Feb., 1790. (Ibid. 102: 29.)

45 JOHN[6] SPRAGUE (*Dea. John*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 20 Apr., 1735; died at Winhall, Vt., 22 Jan., 1814. He married at Stoneham, int. 7 Feb., 1758, Mrs. DOROTHY BROWN, possibly daughter of Ephraim and Dorothy (Green) Brown of Stoneham and born there, 18 Dec., 1737.

Children, born in Connecticut:

i. Jonathan,[7] b. ——, 1761.
ii. Wyman, b. ——, 1763.
iii. Isaac, b. ——, 1767.
iv. John, b. ——, 1770.

46 DANIEL[6] SPRAGUE (*Dea. John*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 31 Jan., 1739/40; died at Killingly, Conn., 28 Feb., 1726. He married (1) SELAH WADSWORTH who died during the Revolutionary War. He married (2) at Killingly, Conn., 9 May, 1780, SYBIL HUTCHINS, probably daughter of Ezra and Abigail (Leavens) Hutchins of Plainfield or Killingly, Conn. He was living at Killingly in 1790 and his family then consisted of three males over 16 years of age, one male under 16, and five females. (Conn. Census, 1790, p. 143.)

Children by first wife, born at Killingly and baptized at South Killingly, Conn.

i. Samuel,[7] bp. 1 Sept., 1765.
ii. Daniel, bp. 5 June, 1768.
iii. James Wadsworth, bp. 20 Sept., 1772.
iv. Mary, bp. 28 May, 1775.

Children by second wife, baptized at South Killingly, Conn.

v. Selah, bp. 14 May, 1781.
vi. Elizabeth, bp. 3 Oct., 1784.
vii. Elisha, bp. 6 Apr., 1786.
viii. Sybil, bp. 24 Aug., 1794.
ix. Daniel, bp. 11 Sept., 1796.

47 Capt. Stephen[7] Sprague (*Benjamin*,[6] *Stower*,[5] *John*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 27 July, 1764; died there, 18 Dec., 1801, aged 37 years. He married at Malden, 19 Apr., 1792, Rachel Sargeant, daughter of Ezra and Deborah (Sargeant) Sargeant of Malden. She was born there, 18 Sept., 1767; died there, 19 Sept., 1801, aged 34 years. She was admitted to full communion of First Church of Malden, 26 Aug., 1801.

He resided in the house which stood till 1894, near the junction of Broadway and Bow street in what is now Everett. In olden times the house was the second on the right from Mystic bridge to Malden and was for many years included within the limits of Charlestown.

Children, born at Malden:

55 i. Stephen,[8] b. 15 Feb., 1793.
ii. Asa, b. 7 Oct., 1795.

iii. Ezra Sargeant, b. ——, 1799.
iv. William, b. ——, 1801.

Ezra Sargeant Sprague and William Sprague, under 14, children of Stephen Sprague, late of Malden, gentleman, and Rachel his late wife, both deceased, had as their guardian Richard Frothingham, Jr., of Charlestown, chaisemaker, 2 Oct., 1810. They were above 14 on 6 Feb., 1816, when they made choice of Stephen Sprague of Medford, chaise-body-maker, for their guardian. (Middlesex Probate, 21,100.)

SEVENTH GENERATION

48 BUNKER[7] SPRAGUE alias EBENEZER HARNDEN (*Samuel*,[6] *Bunker*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 30 Oct., 1750; changed his name to Ebenezer Harnden in 1773; died at Malden, 11 Apr., 1830, aged 80 years. He married at Malden, 8 Sept., 1777, POLLY HILLS of Malden. She was daughter of Thomas and Mary (Shute) Hills, born at Malden, 31 Dec., 1754; died there, 5 Dec., 1813, aged 59.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Mary[8] Harnden, b. 14 June, 1778; m. 21 June, 1801, Joseph Green of Deerfield, N. H.
ii. Elizabeth Harnden, b. 4 July, 1780; m. 5 May, 1805, Edward Newhall of Malden.
iii. Ebenezer Harnden, b. 15 Nov., 1782; m. 3 Oct., 1806, Betsey Parker of Malden.
iv. Lydia Harnden, b. 9 Aug., 1788; d. — Sept., 1791.
v. John Harnden, b. 25 Aug., 1792.
vi. Lydia Harnden, b. 14 May, 1794; m. 28 May, 1815, Lemuel Cox of Malden.
vii. Hannah Hills Harnden, b. 9 Nov., 1800; m. 9 Nov., 1820, Lieut. Ebenezer Tufts.

Bunker Sprague alias Ebenezer Harnden (1750-1830) changed his name by act of the General Court, 26 May, 1773, to Ebenezer Harnden. In his petition for this change he states that it will be advantageous to him to change his name. At that time there was living in Malden Capt. Ebenezer Harnden (1705-1786) who was a man of prominence but apparently without children. On 8 Apr., 1769, Ebenezer Harnden of Malden, gentleman, sells to Ezekiel Jenkins, Jr., a piece of land

in Malden and Bunker Sprague was one of the witnesses. At this time Bunker Sprague was closely associated with Capt. Ebenezer Harnden. He undoubtedly cared for Capt. Harnden in his old age. On 1 May, 1781, Ebenezer Harnden of Malden, gentleman, sells all of his homestead in Malden being 24 acres to Ebenezer Harnden, Jr., of the same town, saddle-tree-maker. (Middlesex Deeds, 83: 341.) That homestead was in and about the western division station of the Boston & Maine R. R. The old house stood where the railroad crosses Pleasant street. It was purchased of John Harnden and Hannah H. Tufts, son and daughter of Ebenezer Harnden, Jr., shortly before, 8 Sept., 1844. It was then described as "on the road leading to the village," by Samuel Cox, last maker, who was trustee for Hannah H. Tufts. According to the terms of the will of Ebenezer Harnden made, 18 Mar., 1828, his daughter was to have the westerly half of his dwelling house and his son John Harnden the remainder. Here the families lived until the Boston & Maine R. R. was constructed. As the roadbed had to be extended directly through the house it was demolished and John Harnden removed to what is now Florence street. The Harnden farm was soon cut up into house lots and now contains valuable city property. Harnden road perpetuates the name over a portion of Capt. Ebenezer Harnden's farm. The name was perpetuated by Bunker Sprague who changed his name to inherit the Harnden property.

49 PHINEAS[7] SPRAGUE (*Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 6 July, 1751; died there, 9 Apr., 1833. He married at Malden, 19 Apr., 1774, JEMIMA BURDITT, daughter of John and Jemima (Green) Burditt of Malden. She was born there, 11 Dec., 1751.

In Cotton Sprague's tomb erected in 1830 on the site of the Melrose High School and removed to Wyoming Cemetery in 1895 were found seven unidentified bodies including Cotton Sprague who died 6 May, 1840. The plates found in the tomb show that two of Phineas Sprague's sons were buried in that tomb. It is probable that Cotton Sprague's brother Phineas and his wife Jemima were buried in that tomb between 1830 and 1850. No record of the death of Phineas Sprague's wife Jemima has been found.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Daniel,[8] b. 9 Nov., 1774; d. 14 Feb., 1775.

56 ii. Phineas, b. 10 Jan., 1777.

iii. William, b. 1 Sept., 1779; d. at Stoneham, unm. 2 June, 1864, a. 84, shoemaker; buried in Cotton Sprague's tomb, Melrose.

iv. Sally, b. 24 Feb., 1782; d. 21 Oct., 1792.

v. Hannah, b. 4 July, 1784.

vi. Polly, b. 4 Mar., 1787; m. 8 Mar., 1812, Joseph Boardman of Malden.

vii. Lydia, b. 1 Apr., 1790; d. young.

viii. Lydia, b. 9 May, 1793; m. 6 Apr., 1817, Samuel Poor of Malden. One child.

ix. Richard Price, b. 27 Mar., 1796; d. at Melrose, unm. 5 Jan., 1878, in his 83d y.; buried in Cotton Sprague's tomb, Melrose.

Phineas Sprague (1751-1833) presented a petition with his father, as Phineas Sprague, Jr., 2 May, 1785. He was chosen surveyor of highways, 7 Mar., 1796, and again, 6 Mar., 1797, 2 Mar. 1801, 1 Mar., 1802, 7 Mar., 1803, 5 Mar., 1804, and 4 Mar., 1805, and at a special town meeting, 4 June, 1805, Phineas Sprague, Jr., was chosen a member of a committee to agree to let the alewives up to Ell pond, past Samuel Tuft's dam [south of Mountain Ave.] for five years from, 7 Mar., 1801. At a town meeting, 27 Jan., 1806, he was elected a member of a committee to attend the General Court respecting the passing of fish up to Ell Pond. He was chosen a committee to settle with the town treasurer, 4 May, 1807; surveyor of highways, 7 Mar., 1808, and a member of the school committee of Malden, 4 Mar., 1809. On 7 May, 1810, he received one vote for representative.

Phineas Sprague, Sr., was chosen a member of the committee to fence the North End Burying Ground (where the Melrose High School now stands), 4 May, 1829.

Phinehas Sprague of Malden, cordwainer, for £150 sells Joseph Gould of Reading, joiner, two tracts of land in Malden with a dwelling house and barn standing on the first described piece, containing 38 acres, bounded as David Swett's deed from James Nichols of the same premises, being the same land exactly that David Swett bought of James Nichols of Salem, mortgaged 30 Oct., 1788. Jemima wife of Phinehas signs. (Middlesex Deeds, 100: 422.)

Phinehas Sprague, Jr., of Malden, for £40 sells Jonathan Sprague of said Malden, cordwainer, 9 acres partly in Malden and partly in Stoneham, bounded south partly on land late owned

by Mrs. Mary Wyman partly on land of Phinehas Sprague, Sr., etc., reserving liberty to pass and repass over the premises where the path now goes agreeable to an ancient contract, 16 Apr., 1788; Jemima Sprague his wife. Acknowledged at Salem, 3 Dec., 1789. (Ibid. 102: 26.)

Phinehas Sprague of Malden, cordwainer, for $50 sell John Cummings of same, currier, 8 acres, 24 Nov., 1818. Jemima his wife signs. (Ibid. 336-420.)

Phinehas Sprague, yeoman, and Joseph Boardman, cordwainer, of Malden, for $1200 sell Charles Cummings of Boston, truckman, 16 acres with buildings thereon situate in the northerly part of Malden, 22 Apr., 1829, Mary Boardman signs with Joseph. (Ibid. 289-334.)

50 Dr. JOHN[7] SPRAGUE (*Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at North Malden, 13 Jan., 1754; died at Malden, 21 Oct., 1803, in his 50th year. He married (1) at Malden, 2 Jan., 1781, SUSANNAH FOWLE daughter of Joseph Fowle of Woburn. She was born at Woburn, 23 Jan., 1756, and died at Malden, 23 Nov., 1781, aged 26. Her mother married in 1770, Dr. Sprague's father and removed to Malden. Dr. Sprague married (2) at Malden, 21 Oct., 1783, ELIZABETH POOLE of Malden. She was the mother of his four younger children, the daughter of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Hawkes) Poole, born at Medford, 10 Sept., 1761; died at Malden, 21 or 22 Jan., 1808, aged 46.

Child by first wife, born at Malden:

57 i. John,[8] b. — Nov., 1781.

Children by second wife, born at Malden:

ii. Elizabeth, b. 5 Oct., 1784; m. 15 Sept., 1805, Robert Foster of Chelmsford. She d. 14 Apr., 1816. Four children.

58 iii. Peter Thacher, b. 30 June, 1792.
59 iv. Frederick Augustus, b. 3 May, 1794.
v. Susanna Fowle, b. 4 May, 1797.

Dr. John Sprague of Malden served as Surgeon's Mate to Dr. Walter Hastings of Chelmsford in Col. Ebenezer Bridge's Regt. from 1 May to 1 Aug., 1775 — a period of three months, eight days. This was the Middlesex County Regt. of Minute-men in service at the battle of Bunker Hill. Again he was Surgeon's Mate in Col. Edmund Phinney's Regt. from 1 Jan., 1776, to 8 Dec., 1776, when he was reported sick in the garrison at Fort George. Again he served as Surgeon on the schooner *Active*, commanded by Capt. Andrew Gardner for one month, 6 Oct., 1778. He again served as Surgeon on the State sloop *Winthrop*, commanded by Capt. George Little, from 4 May to 25 Nov., 1782 — a period of six months twenty-one days, and from 26 Nov., 1782, to 17 Mar., 1783 — three months and twenty days to the end. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14: 755.)

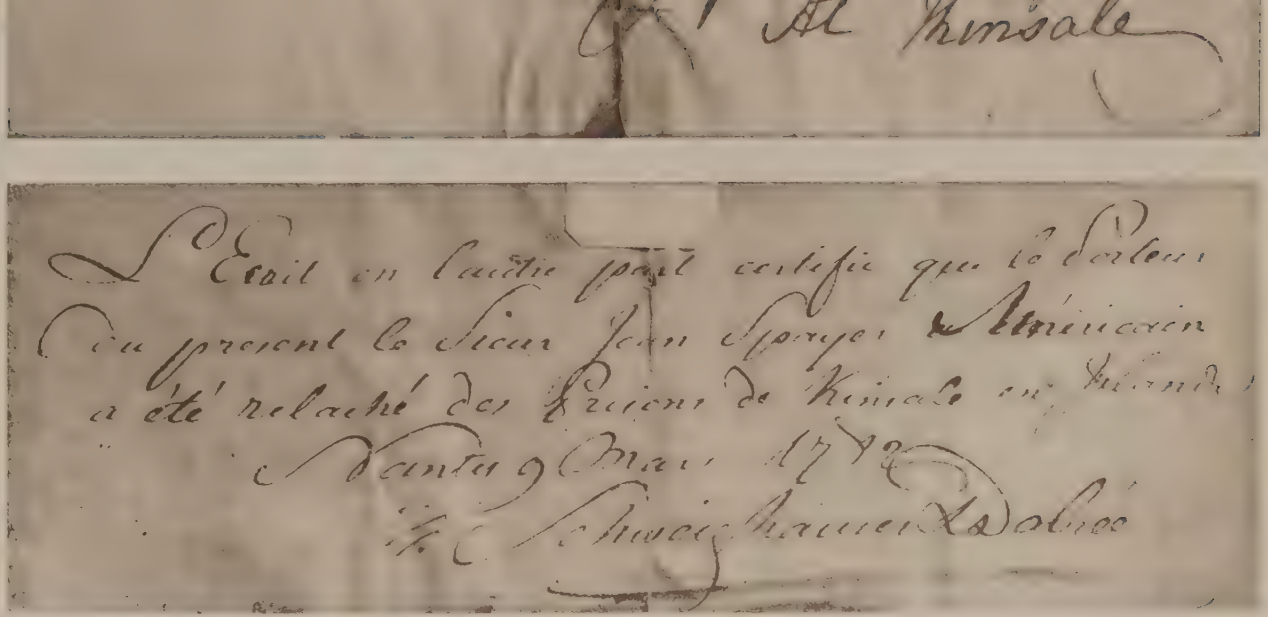
Dr. Sprague was taken prisoner while surgeon on board the schooner *Active*, one of the ill-fated fleet of Commodore John Manley in 1778. He was exchanged and returned to Malden before July, 1779. He then taught two terms of school in his own section of the town — the north end, now Melrose.

Again he served as surgeon on board the armed vessel *Thomas* and again was made a prisoner of war. He was carried to Kinsale on the coast of

To all Whom it may Concern

These are to certify That the Bearer John Sprayer an American Prisoner of War late Surgeon on board the Thomas Merchant Vessel is set at Liberty Pursuant to an Order from the Honble Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen and for Exchanging Prisoners of War ~~Dated at Head Q~~ from James Hill London the Thirteenth Day of November Instant Given under my hand this Twenty Second Day of November 1781

Jno Lowe Agent



DISCHARGE PAPERS OF DR. JOHN SPRAGUE
FROM THE
BRITISH PRISON IN KINSALE, IRELAND
1781

Ireland and was detained until 22 Nov., 1781. He was then released and returned to America by way of France. His certificate of release reads as follows:

"To All Whom it may Concern.

These are to certify that the Bearer John Sprague, an American Prisoner of War, late Surgeon on board the Thomas, Merchant Vessel, is set at Liberty Pursuant to an Order from the Hon'ble Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen and for exchanging Prisoners of War. Dated at their Office on Tower Hill, London, the Thirteenth Day of November Instant. Given under my hand this Twenty Second Day of November 1781.

Jn° How Agent
for Prisoners of War
at Kinsale"

L'Ecrit en l'autre part certifie que le Parteur du present le Sieur Jean Sprague Americain a ete relaché des Prisons de Kinsale en Irelande Nantes, 9 Mars 1782.

Schweighamer & Dobreé.

Upon his return to Massachusetts, Dr. Sprague was appointed Surgeon of the State sloop *Winthrop* on 4 May, 1782. He served until the close of the war, having been captured twice and seen much hard service.

Doctor Sprague's Account for Keeping School, 1779.

"Malden, Augt. 27, 1779.

The Town of Malden to John Sprague Dr.

To keeping School at the north End [now Melrose] one month and fifteen days from 5th day of July ult. at £550 pr ann: Sixty Eight pounds fifteen shilling £68: 15: 0

John Sprague."

"Malden, Febʸ 9, 1780.

The Selectmen to John Sprague Debʳ

To Keeping the School at North End one month and sixteen days from the 13th of Decemʳ ult @ 30 for one Hundred and fifty pounds.

John Sprague"

(Originals in Malden Public Library.)

Dr. Sprague held various offices of trust in old Malden befitting to the profession of a physician. At the annual town meeting, 6 Mar., 1786, he was chosen for the grand jury for the year. At a special meeting, 10 Apr., 1786, he was chosen a member of the committee to consult with other towns about the advantage of a bridge over Penny Ferry, and on 1 May, 1786, he was chosen on the committee to instruct the representative.

On 3 May, 1790, Dr. Sprague was chosen a member of the committee to regulate the schools in Malden. The committee recommended that the schools be kept in three different places, a little westward of Mr. John Gould's, at the South Meeting house (now Everett) and at the north part of the town at the school house "nigh" the widow Sarah Eaton's (now Melrose).

Dr. Sprague was chosen a member of a committee to examine the town property in the hands of Micah Wait and deposit it in the town treasury, 14 Jan., 1793. He was chosen collector of taxes, 9 Mar., 1795, and a member of the committee to procure a schoolmaster, 8 June, 1795. He was appointed a member of the committee to report to a Council of Churches for the ordination of Rev. Aaron Green on 2 Sept., 1795. Mr. Green was ordained over the united parishes of Malden, 30 Sept., 1795.

The General Court passed a law providing that alewives should be allowed to pass around Mr. Samuel Tuft's mill-dam in Three-Mile Brook and up to Ell Pond. This law caused a division among the inhabitants of Malden, and Dr. Sprague was elected a member of the committee to secure the repeal of said law, 28 Dec., 1795. Again Dr. Sprague was chosen collector of taxes, 14 Mar., 1796, and at a special town meeting, 2 May, 1796, he was chosen a member of a committee to prevent the town from being at the expense of building the Malden bridge. On 7 Nov., 1796, he was elected a member of the committee to procure the minister's wood. At the annual meeting, 6 Mar., 1797, he was chosen a member of the school committee, collector of taxes and a committee to reckon with Rev. Eliakim Willis and Rev. Aaron Green. In Apr., 1797, Dr. Sprague was elected on a committee to petition the General Court to oppose the expense of supporting the new road in the southerly part of the town.

At a special meeting, 23 Sept., 1797, he was elected a member of the committee on school houses and at the same time a committee to raise money for the encouragement of singing. Thus, was Dr. Sprague identified with the best things of his native town in the reconstructive period following the Revolutionary War.

He with others sent a petition to Rev. Peter Thacher, minister of the First Parish of Malden, asking him to introduce into the Malden church Dr. Watt's Psalms, 17 Mar., 1781. This petition is now in the Malden Public Library.

He addressed a request to the First Church of Malden, 17 Apr., 1784. Rev. Aaron Green and others joined in this petition. It was in accordance with the spirit of the period of reconstruction following the American Revolution. It related to the early form of church worship in New England. Down to the close of the Revolution, it was customary for the deacon to read a psalm, one line at a time, and the congregation to chant or shout back the line. In Malden many of the leading church members desired a change as the following paper signed by Rev. Aaron Green, Dr. John Sprague, et al., shows:

We the subscribers conceiving that the public worship of God in singing would be carried on with greater decency, propriety and edification, if the leading the psalm line by line was omitted do, therefore, request and desire that said practice may be laid aside for the future. To the First Church of Christ in Malden, April 17, 1784. Signed Aaron Green, John Sprague, et al.

Dr. Sprague was somewhat eccentric, considerable of a wag but skillful as a physician and much esteemed by all. He had an extensive and lucrative practice which excited the envy of his professional associates.

Dr. Jeremiah Goss of Provincetown on Cape Cod came to Malden. He there united his fortunes with Mary Atkins Hatch — a young Malden woman. Rev. Aaron Green performed the marriage ceremony on 1 May, 1798. It is said that Dr. Goss publicly declared, about this time, that he would get Dr. Sprague's business from him and drive him out of town. Dr. Goss stayed a while but not getting any practice was himself obliged to leave town.

The day following his departure Dr. Sprague wrote several verses and posted them in several public places in Malden. Traveling in those days was by horseback with a pillion behind to carry a second person. One of the verses of Dr. Sprague ran in this wise:

"Doctor Goss mounted his hoss
And took his wife behind him,
He has gone to Cape Cod so far from God,
It would puzzle the devil to find him."

The inventory of Dr. Sprague's estate is interesting. It shows that he traveled on horseback as late as 1802. Evidently he possessed neither carriage nor shay as Rev. Joseph Emerson and Rev. Peter Thacher, his ministers, did while living in old Malden, but Dr. Sprague possessed "spurs" which were essential in the century long before the invention of horse cars, steam trains, auto-

mobiles and aeroplanes had filled men's minds with easy and rapid locomotion.

At the close of the Revolutionary War, Dr. Sprague located in the centre of old Malden, occupying the farm and house originally owned by Joseph Hills who came from Maldon in the county of Essex, England, and gave to Mystic Syde, the name of his native parish.

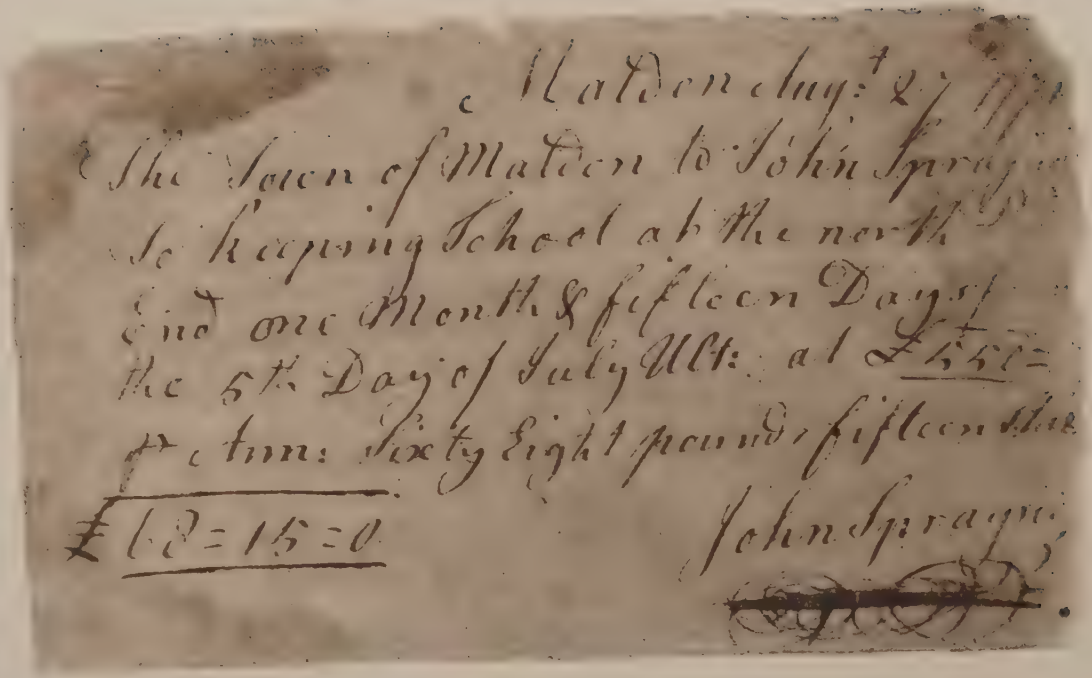
In front of the First Baptist Church in Converse Square stands a granite boulder, upon which is the following inscription:

NEAR THIS SPOT LIVED
JOSEPH HILLS
A MAN PROMINENT IN CHURCH AND STATE
HE CAME FROM MALDON, ENGLAND
TO NEW ENGLAND 1638
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES 1647
COMPILER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LAWS OF 1648
HE DIED AT NEWBURY 1688

ALSO HERE LIVED
DOCTOR JOHN SPRAGUE
1788–1803
AN ACTIVE SURGEON IN THE
NAVY OF THE REVOLUTION.

The following inscriptions were transcribed from the ancient Bell Rock Cemetery by Deloraine Pendre Cory, historian of Malden:

MEMENTO MORI
THIS STONE IS
SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
MRS. SUSANNAH SPRAGUE THE
VIRTUOUS & BELOVED CONSORT
OF DOCTR JOHN SPRAGUE
WHO DIED GREATLY LAMENTED
NOVEMBER 23d 1781
AGED 26 YEARS.



Malden [illegible]

The Town of Malden to John Sprague
Dr
To keeping School at the north
End one Month & fifteen Days
the 5th Day of July Ult: at £5 5s
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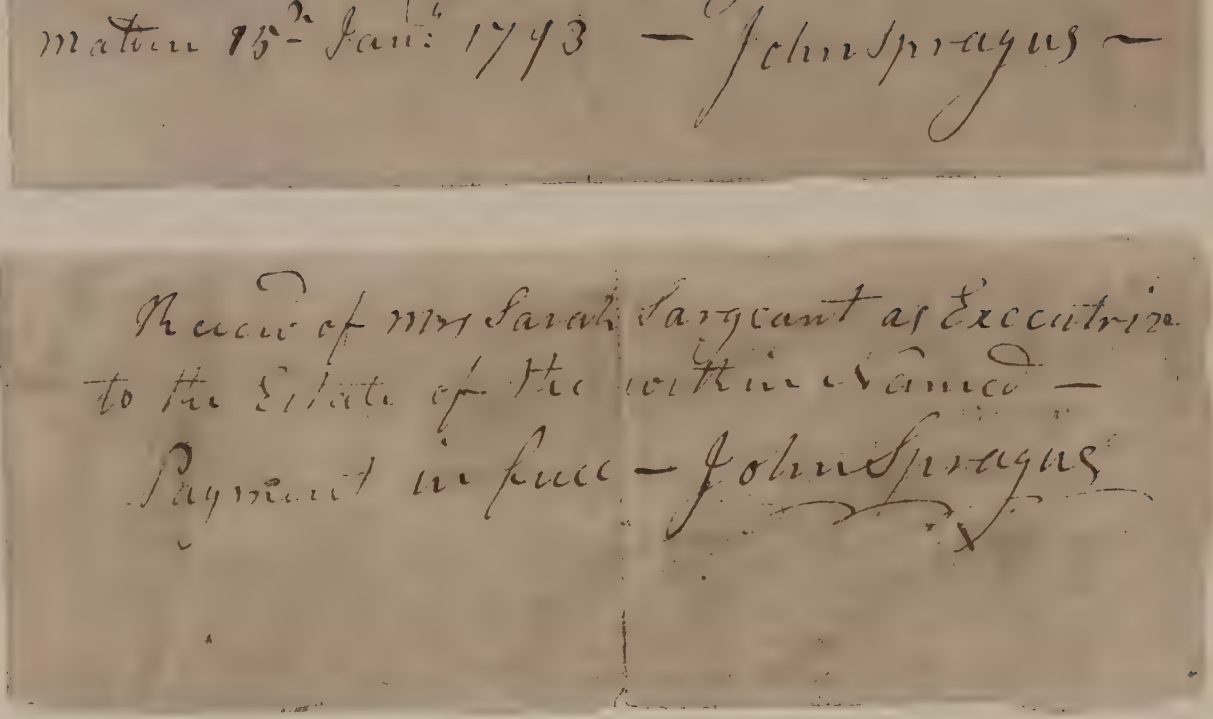
John Sprague

The Estate of the late Revd Cahum Sargeant to
John Sprague - - -



Receiv of Mrs Sarah Sargeant as Executrix to the Estate of the within Named — Payment in full — John Sprague

BILLS BY DR. JOHN SPRAGUE
FOR
TEACHING SCHOOL AND PRACTICING MEDICINE

Why falls the budding flower, why die the just
Presumptious reason crys tis not for us
To search the ends of fate or fault its means
Religion answers and our breasts are calmed.

IN MEMORY OF
DR. JOHN SPRAGUE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
OCT. 21, 1803
Æ 50

The honest man, the skilful physician the social friend, the useful citizen here yields to death. The animating hope of a glorious resurrection brightened the close of his life.

An angel's arm can't snatch man from the grave
Legions of angels can't confine him there.

DR. SPRAGUE'S WILL, 1803.

In the name of God amen. I John Sprague of the Town of Malden in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis. I will, appoint, constitute, and ordain Bernard Green Esqr. of Malden aforesaid my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament.

And I will and order that all my just debts be paid and discharged in a convenient time after my decease by my said executor, out of my real and personal estate, and by those parts and portions of the same, which he shall deem most expedient.

Item. I will, give, and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elisabeth Sprague the whole improvement, use, and profit, of all my real and personal estate, that I shall die seized and possessed of, after my just debts are paid as above directed, to be by her freely possessed and enjoyed during her natural life. It is however to be understood as my will, that my said wife afford a decent and comfortable support to my minor children during their minority out of the profits priviledges bequeathed to her in this article, and without any expense for them accruing to my estate.

Item. At the decease of my said wife Elizabeth Sprague, I give to my beloved children, namely, to John Sprague, Elizabeth Sprague, Isaac Smith Sprague, Peter Thacher Sprague, Frederick Augustus Sprague and Susanna Fowl Sprague their heirs and assigns forever, all my estate real and personal, that I may die seized and possessed of, after my just debts are paid as above directed, together with the expenses arising from the decent interment of my said wife, to be divided between and among them equally and alike, to be by them freely possessed and enjoyed from and after the decease of my said wife Elisabeth Sprague, and to be at their disposal forever.

But notwithstanding what is above ordered and directed, If it should be thought advisable by my said executors, and most for the interest and benefit of my above named wife and children, and by her free consent, and by the free consent of my children, who may be of age, and by the free consent of the guardians of those, who may be minors, to sell all or any part of my real estate, and place the remainder of the money after my just debts are paid, where my said wife can have the regular interest of the same during her life and at her decease, the principal may be divided among my within named children equally and alike, I hereby declare it to be my will that said estate be sold, and on these conditions I hereby empower my said executor to sell the same, in that way and manner which he may judge best.

And I hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and three.

John Sprague.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the within named John Sprague
to be his last will and testament in
the presence of us, who have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses
in the presence of the testator
Jesse Holden
Ezra Holden
Aaron Green

Proved 28 Oct., 1803, by Jesse Holden and Aaron Green as the last will of John Sprague of Malden, physician.

Inventory of the estate of Dr. John Sprague, late of Malden, dec'd, taken 3 Jan., 1804, mentions between 4 and 5 acres including the buildings $3000; one half of a pew $63; pewter $4; 9 vols. books $8; saddle $6; saddle bags $3.50; spurs $1; watch $18; spectacles $0.33; medicine and instruments $10; total estate $4144.49.

The account mentions, 16 July, 1804, two acres sold from the homestead to Benjamin Faulkner $455. Also 24 Aug., 1804, two and a half acres sold to John Sprague, Jr. $285; half a pew in the Brick Meeting house sold to Joshua Lade $64. (Middlesex Probate, 21,063.)

51 WILLIAM[7] SPRAGUE (*Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 1 June, 1756; died in Jan., 1780, in his 23d year. At the age of 22 he shipped on board the brig *Massachusetts* bound for France. He was one of a hundred men and the next night after they sailed a violent storm of snow came on and nothing was ever heard from them, "though it is about three years since he bade us farewell and took his leave of us." (Memorandum of Phineas Sprague.)

William Sprague of Malden served as a private in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Co. of Militia which marched to Watertown on the alarm of 19 Apr., 1775, by order of Col. Gardner. That service was for one day. He also served in Capt. Naler Hatch's Co. of Lieut. Col. William Bond's 37th Regt. The company's return was dated at Malden, 6 Oct., 1775. Again he served in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Co. from Malden, marching to Point Shirley, 13 June, 1776, by order of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln. He next enlisted in Capt.

John Walton's Co. of Col. John Brooks's Regt., 27 Sept., to 16 Nov., 1776, — a period of two months, one day, including eleven days' travel home, 228 miles from North Castle. He also served in Capt. Stephen Dana's Co. of Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt. in service in Rhode Island, from 3 May, 1777, for two months, seven days. He served in the vicinity of South Kingston, R. I. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 14: 764.)

52 JONATHAN[7] SPRAGUE (*Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 30 July, 1761; died 25 May, 1845. He married at Reading, 11 Sept., 1783, CATHERINE EMERSON, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Nichols) Emerson of Reading. She was born at Reading, 23 May, 1763; died at Stoneham, 19 Mar., 1854, a. 90 y., 9 m., 24 d.

Children, born at Malden:

60 i. Jonathan,[8] b. 16 Mar., 1784.
ii. Child, b. not recorded; d. 2 Mar., 1786.
iii. Betsey, b. 4 Mar., 1788.
iv. Charles, b. 6 Apr., 1790.
61 v. Samuel, b. 5 Feb., 1793.
vi. Kate, b. 28 Apr., 1795.
vii. Nancy, b. 28 July, 1797.

53 COTTON[7] SPRAGUE (*Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 30 Aug., 1765; died at North Malden, 6 May, 1840, a. 75. He married at Charlestown, 26 Dec., 1793, PHEBE LYNDE, daughter of

Jabez and Phebe (——) Lynde of Malden. She was born at Malden, 27 Mar., 1774; died at Melrose, 30 Jan., 1860, a widow, aged 86; buried in Cotton Sprague's tomb.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Phebe,[8] b. 30 Jan., 1795; d. 10 Nov., 1805, in her 11th y.
ii. Hannah, b. 6 Aug., 1796; d. 24 Mar., 1848, a. 51 y.; unm.
iii. Ruth, b. 10 Mar., 1799; m. 14 May, 1819, Aaron Vinton of Stoneham. She d. 8 Dec., 1830.
iv. Fanny, b. 10 June, 1802; d. 13 Nov., 1822.
v. Cotton, b. 12 Jan., 1805; d. 8 Apr., 1837; unm.
vi. Mary Ann, b. 14 Apr., 1809; m. 29 Dec., 1825, George W. Barrett of Malden. Six children. He d. 24 Dec., 1859, a. 56. His wife d. 10 Feb., 1852, a. 42. Their daughter Mary d. unm., 6 Aug., 1862, a. 35 y., 7 m., 17 d. All are buried in Cotton Sprague's tomb, erected on the site of Melrose High School, removed in 1895 to Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose. (Cotton Sprague's Bible.)

Cotton Sprague inherited the Pond Field farm. His house stood on the site of the Liberty Bigelow house on West Foster street, Melrose. He occupied many positions of trust in Malden. He was chosen hogreeve, 14 Jan., 1793; a member of the committee to look into the affairs of a road leading by Mr. Beacham's house, 20 Oct., 1800; surveyor of highways, 2 Mar., 1801, 1 Mar., 1802, 7 Mar., 1803, and 5 Mar., 1804. On 1 Apr., 1805, he was chosen constable, and again 7 Apr., 1807; the same year fish commissioner and field driver; field driver, 7 Mar., 1808, and 5 Mar., 1810; fence viewer, 4 Mar., 1809. At the annual town meet-

ing in Malden, 4 Mar., 1811, Cotton Sprague was chosen surveyor of highways, field driver, hog-reeve and a member of the school committee. On 1 Mar., 1813, he was again made fence viewer, surveyor of highways and 31 May, 1813, a member of a committee. At the annual town meeting, 7 Mar., 1814, he was elected a selectman of Malden; 6 Mar., 1815, fence viewer and surveyor of highways; 4 Mar., 1816, surveyor of highways, fence viewer and a member of the school committee; 3 Mar., 1817, 7 Mar., 1818, and 1 Mar., 1819, surveyor of highways and a member of a committee. He also was chosen surveyor of highways, 3 Apr., 1820, 2 Apr., 1821, and 1 Apr., 1822; surveyor of highways and fish committee to the same offices, with that of fire warden, he was reelected, 3 Mar., 1823. At a special town meeting, 1 May, 1823, he was elected a representative to the General Court from Malden. He was reelected, 19 Apr., 1824, 22 Apr., 1825, and 1 May, 1826. For 1824 he held the offices of surveyor of highways, fence viewer, fire warden and fish committee, being reelected to the same offices, 7 Mar., 1825.

At a special town meeting, 10 Sept., 1825, Cotton Sprague was made a committee to examine the title of George and Thomas Odiorne to the waters of Spot Pond relative to their rights to stop shad and alewives from passing up Spot Pond Brook from below William Barrett's lower red mill.

The General Court passed a law, 7 Mar., 1801,

permitting alewives to pass up the Malden river to Ell Pond by the dam of Samuel Tufts for a certain number of years. For more than a quarter of a century, 1800 to 1825, this caused much trouble between the inhabitants of Malden. It was a contest between the farmers and the manufacturers.

Cotton Sprague was reelected surveyor of highways and fire warden, 6 Mar., 1826, and fence viewer and fire warden, 5 Mar., 1827, and fire warden, 3 Mar., 1828. His last election was as field driver, 6 Apr., 1835.

On 14 Apr., 1826, the town of Malden authorized the Selectmen to "lay out a road from near the North District School House on land of the heirs of Ezra Howard, dec'd, and the land of Joseph Howard [now in Melrose] to the road leading to Stoneham near the House of Mr. Cotton Sprague."

54 WILLIAM[7] SPRAGUE (*Nathan*,[6] *Capt. Samuel*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Lt. Samuel*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 26 Aug., 1766; died there, 2 Apr., 1792. He married (1) SALLY ——, who died at Malden, 10 Apr., 1788. He married (2) at Malden, 20 Sept., 1789, SUSANNA MERRITT, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hawkes) Merritt of Malden. She was born at Malden, 12 Mar., 1769. She married (2) at Malden, 2 Oct., 1796, John Nichols Dyer of Malden. He was son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Nichols) Dyer, born at Malden, 3 Oct., 1778. Their child *Samuel Merritt Dyer* was born at Malden, 1797.

Child by first wife, born at Malden:

i. William,[8] d. 17 Aug., 1789.

Children by second wife, born at Malden:

ii. Susanna, b. 24 Mar., 1790.
iii. Sarah, b. 15 Aug., 1792.

Susanna Sprague of Malden requested, 1 Sept., 1792, the appointment of Benjamin Brown, Esq., of Reading, as administrator of the estate of her late husband William Sprague, mariner, dec'd. He gave a bond in £10,000 with Thaddeus Dean and Thomas Dean, both of Bedford, yeoman, sureties. Among the claims against the estate was a bond of £500 in favour of Nathan Sprague and his wife for support during their natural lives. There was set off to the widow Susannah Sprague one third of a dwelling, barn, ten acres fronting the house, two acres north of the house and seven acres of woodland in Stoneham, 3 June, 1794. The estate was insolvent and Nathan Sprague had £69: 6: 8 distributed to him, 8 Apr., 1795.

William Sprague of Malden, mariner, for £13 mortgages the Nathan Sprague property, described on pp. 213–14, to Joseph Bartlett of Woburn, gentleman, 18 Mar., 1790. Wife did not sign. (Middlesex Deeds, 102: 135.)

EIGHTH GENERATION

55 Stephen[8] Sprague (*Capt. Stephen*,[7] *Benjamin*,[6] *Stower*,[5] *John*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 15 Feb., 1793. He married at Charlestown, 28 Nov., 1816, Elizabeth Sargent, daughter of Samuel Scarborough and Agnes (Oakes) Sargent of Charlestown. She was born there, 14 Jan., 1795; died in Boston, 29 Jan., 1839, a. 44 years; buried in Malden. They lived in Boston; had three sons and one daughter. At the time of their marriage he is described as "of Medford."

Children:

i. John Barrett,[9] b. at Malden, 13 June, 1819.
ii. Son, b. ——; d. in Boston, 21 Apr., 1823, a. 7 d.

56 Capt. Phineas[8] Sprague (*Phineas*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 10 Jan., 1777; died at Melrose, 9 Feb., 1869, a. 92 y. 1 m. He married (intention at Malden, 22 July, 1804) at Leominster, 7 Aug., 1804, Sally Fuller of Leominster. She was daughter of Edward and Sally (Colburn) Fuller and born at Leominster, 21 June, 1782. She died at Malden, 11 Aug., 1847, aged 65 y. 1 m. 22 d.

Capt. Phineas Sprague was elected a member of the school committee of Malden, 3 Mar., 1817, and a juror, 6 Apr., 1835. He was a candidate for representative from Malden, 8 Nov., 1847, but

was not elected. He built the house now standing on Main street, opposite Ell Pond, in 1812 and there resided from 1812 to 1869. He manufactured shoes and carried them to Boston until the last year of his life.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Myra (Elmira),[9] b. 23 Apr., 1805; m. 4 Sept., 1825, George Emerson of Malden (now Melrose). Five children.

62 ii. Henry, b. 14 Jan., 1807.

iii. Sarah Ann, b. 17 Nov., 1809; m. 26 Nov., 1828, Amos Porter Lynde. Five children.

iv. Adaline, b. 9 Mar., 1812; m. 17 Apr., 1834, Freeman Upham of Malden. Six children.

v. Louisa, b. 5 July, 1814; m. 25 Dec., 1845, Aaron Cowdrey, Jr., widower, son of Aaron and Betsey, of Wakefield.

vi. Elizabeth, b. 28 Mar., 1819; m. 31 July, 1831, Timothy A. Wheeler of Stoneham. She m. (2) int. 25 Dec., 1842, Otis Lynde.

Phineas Sprague (1777-1869) of Malden was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Massachusetts in 1820. In that convention he spoke on the Declaration of Rights as follows: "It is tyranny in the highest degree to compel a man to worship in a manner contrary to the dictates of his conscience. Religion is an affair between God and our own souls." He concluded with eight lines from the poet, the purport of which was that it is vain to attempt to bind by human laws the soul which is accountable to God alone. (Massachusetts Journal of Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of Delegates, 1820, pp. 6, 174.)

"He was a worthy citizen, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him." (Goss's History of Melrose, 84.)

He had much to do with the separation of the First Church and First Parish of Malden. On "3 Feb., 1805, The Pastor stayed the brethren of the Church after divine service and informed them that it was the desire of Mr. Phineas Sprague junior to join in full communion, but he embracing the universal and Unitarian Doctrines, the pastor wished to know the minds of the brethren about receiving him; after some conversation with him and with each other:

"Voted to adjourn till next Wednesday evening then to meet at the parsonage house, more fully to consider the matter.

"Mar. 14, 1805, The Church met at the parsonage house according to adjournment and after addressing the Throne of grace by the pastor, resumed the consideration of Mr. Sprague's religious sentiments, and after long consultation:

"Voted, to adjourn to the approaching fast day. Apr. 4, 1805, The Church met according to adjournment and after further consultation respecting Mr. Phineas Sprague's being admitted a member:

"Voted, to defer the matter for three months, that is, to the lecture day, previous to the communion in July next. N. B. The only objection to Mr. Sprague's being admitted is his having embraced the Chancean Universalist and Arian Sentiments.

"June 2, 1805, The Pastor stayed the Chh. after public worship and communicated a letter from Mr. Phineas Sprague Jun^{r} in which he wishes us not to continue our meeting adjourned according to vote passed April 4 on his account, but the Church:

"Voted, that the meeting still be adjourned as above specified.

"July 6, 1805, Met according to adjournment, after some debate respecting Mr. Sprague's religious sentiments on account of which some of the brethren appeared to be much against his being admitted:

"Voted that the meeting be dissolved."

On this matter the records are silent for twenty years when the following entry was made:

"Phineas Sprague admitted Jan. 1, 1826."

Among the list of members of the church, 20 Apr., 1828, was Phineas Sprague. On 29 July, 1828, he was one of the remonstrants against the installation of Rev. Sylvanus Cobb. (Congregational Church Records of Malden.)

Phineas Sprague was a member of the committee to wait on Rev. Aaron Green concerning his application for dismissal, 19 June, 1827. He withdrew from the First Parish, 19 Mar., 1832. (First Parish [Universalist] Records.)

In 1813 the war with England was the occasion of excessive political controversies. Malden was strongly Republican. Rev. Aaron Green, then minister of the First Church of Malden, effected an exchange with Rev. David Osgood of Medford,

who was noted for his Federalistic principles. His sermon came strongly in collision with the views and feelings of a majority of his Malden hearers, especially those who resided in the North End (now Melrose).

A short time after Mr. Osgood delivered his sermon a number of persons assembled at Phineas Sprague's store, near Ell Pond, and after some discussion proposed that they secure a Methodist minister. Jesse Upham said "They preach cheap and they are good preachers." At a subsequent meeting held in the North End School house it was decided to secure a Methodist minister.

Jesse Upham and Cotton Sprague were chosen a committee to procure a minister and Timothy Merritt, then a member of the Massachusetts Legislature from Maine (then a part of the Commonwealth) was obtained. He was followed by others and Methodism thereby became entrenched in North Malden.

On 12 May, 1815, James Howard, himself a descendant of Lt. Ralph Sprague and of Capt. John Sprague, and his wife Polly Cox, daughter of Hannah Sprague, likewise a descendant of the aforesaid Spragues and of three Phineas Spragues of Malden, were converted to the new religion, both on the same day. In 1816 this couple moved from North Malden to Malden Centre and became pioneer Methodists. In 1820 Mr. Howard was appointed a class leader at the Centre which was the origin of the Centre Methodist Church (in 1922 the largest Methodist Church in New En-

gland). Among the descendants of the aforesaid Hannah Sprague, wife of Unite Cox, mention may be made of Samuel Cox, the last manufacturer, Hon. Alfred E. Cox, sometime a member of the Governor's Council and Hon. George Howard Fall, formerly mayor, all of Malden.

Both Capt. Phineas Sprague and his uncle Cotton Sprague had much to do with entrenching Methodism in Malden soil, as both also were, in 1828, active in establishing the First Parish Universalist in the centre of the ancient town. Both were leaders in liberalizing religious concepts and interpretations.

The fine old mansion which Capt. Phineas Sprague erected in 1812 is still standing opposite Ell Pond on the east side of Main street at its junction with Lebanon street in Melrose.

Administration on the estate of Phineas Sprague who died at Melrose, 9 Feb., 1869, was granted to Henry Sprague of Saugus. He left no widow but a daughter Elmira Emerson, wife of George Emerson of Melrose; a son Henry Sprague of Saugus; a daughter Sarah A. Lynde, wife of Amos P. Lynde of Melrose; Abbyline Upham, wife of Freeman Upham of Melrose and Elizabeth Woodward, wife of Thomas B. Woodward of Melrose — all children of dec'd, 20 Feb., 1869. Inventory mentions house and lot $2,500; shoemaker's shop $20; barn $50; total $3,905.71. (Middlesex Probate, 42,135.)

57 JOHN[8] SPRAGUE (*Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, — Nov., 1781; died there, 10 Oct., 1852, a. 71 y. He married at Malden, 17 Nov., 1805, SALLY HILL, daughter of

THE

HISTORY

OF

WARS AND FIGHTINGS

[WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD]

IN THE

BAPTIST CHURCH

IN MALDEN.

Written by

JOHN SPRAGUE, S^{h}. Ma^{k}.

ONE OF THE MEMBERS.

TOGETHER WITH SOME POETRY, NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED.

"Those that sin, rebuke before all; that others also may fear."

"May he that frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad, bless this little book."

Now if it's wrong, or if it's evil,
I really wish it to the devil;
But if it's right, and if it's just,
I really wish it may be blest.

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHOR,

FEBRUARY, 1812.

Charles and Mary (Waite) Hill of Malden. She was born at Malden, 3 Nov., 1785; and died there, 10 Sept., 1867, a. 81 y., 10 m., 7 d.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Sally,[9] b. 20 Dec., 1807; m. 12 Dec., 1831, Dr. Abraham Gould of Woburn. She d. in Lynn, 26 Oct., 1844, a. 37 y., 10 m., 6 d. Also her infant.
ii. John, b. 26 Apr., 1809; d. 14 Oct., 1817, a. 9 y.
iii. Mary Crane, b. 2 Apr., 1813; m. 15 June, 1834, Caleb Waite of Malden; d. at Malden, 11 Sept., 1837, a. 24 y.
iv. Andrew Jackson, b. 2 Mar., 1815.
63 v. Susan Fowle, b. 29 Dec., 1818.
vi. Abigail Nelson, b. 29 June, 1820; m. William Emerson. She d. 3 Jan., 1894, a. 73 y., 6 m.
64 vii. Phineas, b. 23 Jan., 1823.
65 viii. Charles Hill, b. 29 Apr., 1827.

John Sprague (1781-1852) received a common school education in his native town in the years of reconstruction following the American Revolution. On 24 Aug., 1804, he purchased of his father's heirs two and one-half acres on Salem street. This was before his marriage. In 1808 he and Ezra Holden purchased a house on the east corner of Sprague and Salem streets which was built by Capt. Joseph Dyer between 1796 and 1800. Subsequently he purchased Mr. Holden's interest and the house was the Sprague homestead from 1808 to 1875, when it was removed to the head of Sprague street where it now stands (1922). It was constructed of a portion of the lumber from the Second Parish Church which stood in what is now Everett, 1744-1792.

Commencing life as a shoemaker in a small shop that stood on Salem street—then called "Shoe-maker's Row," he earned money enough to establish himself as a trader on Main street, near where the Baptist Church now stands. Here he was successful and as he made money he invested it in Malden real estate, acquiring considerable wealth for his time.

He was one of the original members of the First Baptist Church of Malden. The church was organized 27 Dec., 1803. Two years later he was married to Sally Hill by Rev. Henry Pottle, first minister of the aforesaid church.

As the years went on difficulties arose between Mr. Sprague and a subsequent minister, he entertaining Arminian principles while the minister preached Calvinistic doctrines.

On 18 Nov., 1810, Rev. Jason Livermore, a Revolutionary soldier who became a Baptist clergyman, preached his first sermon in the Baptist Meeting House in Malden (which then stood in what is now the southeast corner of the Salem street Cemetery). He remained several years during which period great division existed in the Baptist Church in Malden.

Mr. Sprague was excluded from membership, 26 Nov., 1811, for entertaining what some called heresy. After a few weeks he was restored to membership.

He then wrote and published a literary production by which he will be remembered for generations to come. His work was entitled: "*The*

History | of | Wars and Fightings | Without Shedding of Blood | in the | Baptist Church | in Malden. Written by | John Sprague | Sh[oe]mak[er] One of the members. Together With Some Poetry Never | Before Published, February 1812."

On 30 Apr., 1812, the members of the Baptist Church "voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from John Sprague for his disorderly walk and for publishing a Book called the history of wars and fightings without shedding of Blood, in the Baptist church in Malden." (The Malden Mirrow, 10 Nov., 1883.)

Such of the poetry as refers to his differences with the church and its officers is given below, somewhat re-arranged.

POEM BY JOHN SPRAGUE.

As in my shop one day I wrought,
My mind was full, and thus I thought—
A little book I'll now compose,
Of one part verse, the other prose:

That all who want, or wish, to see,
May find out what the troubles be;
And see if I have done as bad
As what you'll find the elder had.

A meeting now was called, they say,
To hunt up such as go astray;
Hireling shepherds, what's the matter?
How you make the sheep to scatter.

Another meeting now had they,
To hear, report, and turn away
All such as do not like the creed,
And turn about and wear a weed.

And you shall see it was so dark,
It puzzled elder, deacon, clerk.

The elder said it meant one thing;
The deacon said another;
The clerk he found it was not sound,
And wished it for to smother.

The elder called a meeting next;
It seems the man was much perplext.
If you'd been there, O how unstable!
'Twould make you think of building Babel.

'Twould make you read the Acts all o'er
To find that part that Paul called more:
For the more-part knew not whether
For what, or why, they'd come together.

Once at a meeting how he spake
And said, our platform's now at stake;
For five or six who are deluded
Do often meet with the excluded.

And we a meeting now must call,
And those weak brothers overhaul;
And when to them we now shall go,
We'll tell them what a dreadful woe

We have pronounced upon them all,
Who do attempt on God to call,
In any manner, place, or way,
Which elders, deacons, do not say.

The elder once to meeting went,
And down he sat; but not content,
His skill in scripture now must show,
Something like this he spake, you know:

The scripture saith, one cubit may
Be added every half a day;
I'll tell you how this thing is done,
If of it you will not make fun.

If you will pray, exhort and sing,
You'll be as tall as any king;
You'll grow so fast, you soon will see
You'll be as tall as a pine tree.

Then one cubit to your stature add,
And pray with me now don't be mad;
I really think the scriptures say,
One cubit add you truly may.

A member then arose and spake,
And said, good sir, 'tis a mistake;
Mistaken, sir, I think you be,
For I such scripture never see.

If I this hireling do discard,
Why will you call me a blackguard?
If I this elder will not hear,
Why will you say, I ought to fear?

If he a hireling surely be,
I'll tell you how this thing you'll see;
In a few months, I think, at least,
He'll mount that dapple-gray, the beast.

I think a wolf he will call me,
And on that beast away will flee;
For thus, you know the scripture spoke,
And surely scripture can't be broke.

And if he go to west or east,
Upon that little horse the beast,
Then say that once I have guess'd right,
And on his way pray speed his flight.

Yes, give him money, pay him all!
That on us he may never call;
O may the Lord his heart now fill
With love; and take away the chill.

My heart's desire is, and I'll pray
The elder and the deacons may
Have all their wickedness forgiven,
And cease to sin, and seek for heaven.

And when their lives they do look over,
And see they've sinned against Johovah,
O may they on their knees fall down,
Confess to God, lest he should frown.

Now may the Lord, who dwells on high,
Forgive their sins, and pass them by,
That through the Saviour's love and merit,
They may eternal life inherit.

In 1813 Mr. Sprague as auctioneer used the following poetical advertisement:

Taken on execution, to be sold,
Pieces of furniture I call household;
The names of which I'll try to tell
Of articles I have to sell:
I've one great chair, another small,
A middling-sized one, — three in all;
I've pictures, too, of various size,
A rolling pin for crust of pies;
A chest of drawers both great and small,
Two pair of pincers and an awl;
Old iron, too,— say thirty weight,
One hammer and one wooden plate;
Kegs I have seven, and one canteen,
A part of an old fire-screen;
A carpet for your parlor floor,
And window-frames, say three or four.
A pillow and a feather bed,
One teapot, too, without a lid;
I've bottles case, and bottles junk,
Two pair of tongs, and one old trunk;
I've joints of funnel, six or eight,—
Six earthen, and three pewter plate;
Two bedsteads, and a table split,
A warming-pan and bayonet;
One wooden horse, and skimmer brass,
One tin to cover up your sauce:

I've scales and steelyards, iron pot,
And crockery ware, a handsome lot;
A basket, and a coverlid,
And for a cane I have a head.
I've ox-bows, trammels, and old jugs,
And pitchers, but I have no mugs:
And cider barrels, five, I know,
Two beams for scales, and one great hoe.
I have umbrellas, two or three,
And cannisters to hold your tea;
One shovel, too, that's made of wood,
An oil-cask, that I think is good.
I've books of various names and size,
Some speak of truth, and some of lies;
Old singing books a half a score,
And Watt's Psalms, and many more.

Conditions are — the cash paid down,
Of bills now current in the town.

JOHN SPRAGUE, Auctioneer.

Mr. Sprague is mentioned in the accounts of the building of the Centre Methodist Church. He was paid for refreshments at the raising of the meeting house, 14 Jan., 1826. He was a contributor towards the building, 11 Jan., 1826. He was one of the purchasers of pews in first Centre Methodist Church, 29 Apr., 1826. For pew No. 25 he paid $51.50, and for pew No. 47 he paid $13.00.

Several of the leaders of the First Parish were also contributors to the building of the Centre Methodist Meeting House which was erected on Main street, opposite Concord street, before 22 Apr., 1826. (Gilbert Haven's Account Book, 1825-1826.)

In 1823 he became a member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association and contributed to the erection of that early historic memorial located on the ground on which his honored father served on 17 June, 1775, with Prescott and Warren. His certificate of membership in the Association is still treasured as an heirloom.

He was first elected to town office in Malden in 1814. At the adjourned town meeting 1 Apr., 1814, he was chosen measurer of wood. On 6 Mar., 1815, he was elected a selectman and collector of taxes. He was chosen hogreeve, 5 Mar., 1821, and a selectman, 3 Mar., 1823. 5 Apr., 1824, he was chosen collector of taxes. At a special town meeting, 3 Nov., 1828, he was chosen a member of the committee on the New bridge between Malden (now Everett) and Chelsea. On 4 May, 1829, he was chosen a member of the committee on the demands against the Town relative to the damage from tide water between Lewis's Bridge and Malden Bank, so called. He was elected to the office of tythingman, 5 Mar., 1832. Each year tythingmen were chosen until 4 Mar., 1844, when Malden voted to dispense with the choice of tythingmen.

Mr. Sprague was chosen a member of the committee to consider the claims of Thomas Pratt, 2 Mar., 1835; collector of taxes and town treasurer, 24 Mar., 1842, and served continuously until 1848 — a period of six years.

On 5 Feb., 1844, he was chosen a member of the committee on behalf of the town to obtain the

best location of the Rail Road now going through the town of Malden. This was then called the Maine Rail Road, now the Boston & Maine.

Mr. Sprague took an active part in the organization of the First Parish Universalist Society of Malden. He was one of the signers of the call for the first meeting, 9 July, 1824. He signed another call for a meeting to be held in the Brick Meeting House, as it was then called, 22 Dec., 1826. He was elected a member of the prudential committee of the First Parish, 29 Apr., 1829, and served on this committee from 1829-1834. He was elected a trustee of the Parish in 1835 and purchased pew No. 18 in the Brick Church on 14 July, 1836, for $118.50. Under the ministry of Rev. Sylvanus Cobb, he was a member of the committee on membership in the First Parish, 20 Oct., 1828. (Records of the First Parish of Malden, 1824-1852.)

Energy, independence of opinion and judgment, liberality of convictions, and a strong sense of humor, were dominant characteristics of John Sprague. Discarding the Calvinistic views of the early years of the nineteenth century, he joined with others in establishing the First Parish Universalist Church which had been occupied by Rev. Aaron Green, Rev. Joseph Emerson, Rev. Peter Thacher, Rev. Eliakim Willis and Rev. Adoniram Judson.

Here by the clay pits, on land given by William and Dorothy Sprague was built the Third Meeting House in Malden in 1730, and on the same

site was built the Old Brick Church in 1802, and here Mr. Sprague, his sons and grandsons worshiped from 1826 to 1909.

In a letter which he wrote to his son Charles H. Sprague dated 21 May, 1849, he referred briefly to the Two Hundredth Anniversary in Malden as follows:

"Great preparations for the 23d. Seats for 2000 persons in Bell pasture — a frame to be covered with sail cloth to protect from the storm that seems approaching. The address and poem to be delivered at Bell Rock. Tickets of admission 75 cts. each at the stores — 1700 sold."

As the years went on he occupied a large place in the business, social and civic life of the growing town. In his death Malden lost a faithful and trusted citizen and the First Parish a devoted member.

The last stanza of his poem "On the Love of Christ in the Soul" is well worth reproducing:

My Saviour there I sure shall see,
And praise Him through eternity:
I'll bow myself at Jesus' feet,
I love Him, for His love is sweet.

Peter Thacher Sprague of Malden for $300 sells John Sprague of the same town, trader, land and a dwelling house and barn in Malden located "at the crotch of the road leading from Malden Meeting House to Lynn and Reading," 14 Apr., 1814. (Middlesex Deeds, 209: 166.)

Micajah Cutler of Malden, trader, leased unto John Sprague of Malden, trader, a store and shed in Malden, "on the road leading from Malden Meeting House to Reading between the corner of

the road leading to Medford and a tavern, being the same premises I purchased of Nathan Upham, Esq.," for ten years from 1 Apr., 1814, at $60 per annum. (Ibid. 209: 166.)

Peter T. Sprague of Deerfield, for $300 sells to John Sprague of Malden, trader, "all rights in the estate of the late John Sprague of Malden, physician, dec'd, 6 May, 1816. (Ibid. 216: 411.)

John Sprague of Malden, gentleman, made his will, 26 Feb., 1852, and it was probated, 15 Nov., 1852. To his wife Sally Sprague he gave the use of his real estate situated on the corner of Salem and Sprague streets in Malden, his household furniture and $150 per annum, during her natural life. To his daughter Susan F. Hyde two hundred dollars. To his daughter Abigail N. Sprague three hundred dollars. At the decease of his wife his household furniture he devised to his four children, Phineas Sprague, Charles H. Sprague, Susan F. Hyde and Abigail N. Sprague equally. At the decease of his wife he gave his daughters Susan F. Hyde and Abigail N. Sprague each five hundred dollars, and sixty dollars per annum for life. To his sons Phineas Sprague and Charles H. Sprague he gave the remainder of his real estate being the same bequeathed to his wife during her life, in equal parts and the residue of his property, they to be executors.

Phineas Sprague, trader, Charles H. Sprague, computer, both of Malden as principals gave bond with Sally Sprague, widow, Henry H. Hyde, trader, and Abigail N. Sprague, single woman, all of Malden sureties, 16 Nov., 1852. Witnesses: Franklin Pierce, F. J. Sprague.

The account of Phineas Sprague and Charles H. Sprague was returned, 3 Dec., 1874. It cites that Sally Sprague deceased in Sept., 1867, and that Susan F. Hyde deceased in June, 1872. The account was signed by Phineas Sprague, Charles H. Sprague, Abigail N. Emerson and Henry H. Hyde. (Middlesex Probate, 34,739.)

58 PETER THACHER[8] SPRAGUE (*Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 30 June, 1792; died at Greenfield, 13 Jan., 1879. He married at Malden, 30 Apr., 1828, MARIA THERESA

Hussey, daughter of Joseph Hussey. She was born in Boston, 29 July, 1800, and died at Greenfield, 15 Nov., 1878.

Children, born at Greenfield:

i. Joseph Hussey,[9] b. 8 Mar., 1829; Harvard, 1851.
ii. Helen M., b. 1 Jan., 1831; m. 6 Feb., 1850, Alonzo A. Foster. Four children.
iii. Sarah Gould, b. 23 Nov., 1832; d. 17 Mar., 1835.
iv. Sarah Gould, b. 5 Oct., 1835; m. Wheelock Peet Bingham. She d. 7 Mar., 1876. Six children.
v. Mary W., b. 26 Jan., 1839; m. William A. Smith.
vi. Caroline Louise, b. 20 Jan., 1842; m. Eben B. Parsons.

Peter Thacher Sprague (1792-1879) wrote an interesting letter to Artemas Barrett who died at Melrose, 12 Jan., 1897. It was a reply to a letter that Mr. Barrett sent him. Mr. Sprague's reply bore a superscription covering the whole of one side of the envelope, as follows:

"To the Postmaster. Now this letter I wish to have
Go down (before it stops) unto my native town
Where once I counted my good friends by dozens
Besides some thirty yea some forty cousins
And now then I'll direct you further still
Its five or six miles north of Bunker Hill
If yet you cannot see, Sir, where this goes
Send to Artemas Barrett of Melrose."

On the other side of the envelope was written:

"You see that I am far from being *green*
Though of this fact the public 's not aware
Full many a flower 's born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

Here he well illustrates a peculiar literary talent which existed in other members of his father's family.

59 Dr. Frederic Augustus[8] Sprague (*Dr John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 3 May, 1794; died at Eagle, Wis., 1864. He married Bridget Moody, daughter of Joseph and Bridget Moody. She was born at Industry, Me., 9 Mar., 1803 (20 May, 1802).

Physician at Eagle, Wis., and a member of State Senate.

Children, born at Richfield, Ohio:

i. Frederic A.,[9] b. 5 Apr., 1822; m. Lucy Cummings.
ii. Romeo, b. 7 Mar., 1824; m. Rhoda Jane Henry.
iii. Joseph, b. 30 Jan., 1825; m. Elizabeth Bovee.
iv. John, b. 19 June, 1827; m. in Oakland, Cal.
v. Isaac, b. 30 Apr., 1829; d. 25 Jan., 1830.
vi. Susannah, b. 23 May, 1831; d. 29 Sept., 1832, in Cleveland, Ohio.
vii. Juliett, b. 12 July, 1833; m. John V. Ely.
viii. Peter, b. 27 Nov., 1835; m. Maggie White.
ix. Bingham, b. 17 Apr., 1838; m. Elizabeth Harlen or Hasless.
x. Hiram, b. 29 July, 1840.
xi. Elizabeth, b. 11 Nov., 1842, at Eagle, Wis.; m. Matt W. Wolff.

Richfield, Medina County, Ohio, July 3, 1824.

Dear Brother:

It is with pleasure that I now take pen in hand to write to you and inform that I am in the land of the living and at present enjoying good health and am in hopes that these few lines will find you & your family enjoying the same blessing.

I have long been wanting to return to Malden and see my friends once more but the great distance we are apart and the hurry of business has been such that it has been impossible for me to return but should the great Canal through New York be finished next year or as soon as it is finished you may expect to see me in old Malden if my life is spared.

I live in a fine Country. We have good land, good water and a good climate. Isaac is in this county. He has been here about four years and has been deranged nearly all the time. Henry Wade is here a Preacher.

I wish that you would write to me as soon as you can. Remember me to my sister Susan and brother Peter. Tell them I long to see them and want to have them write to me as soon as they can. I wish you would mention in your letter where they are and how they are doing. Remember me to all inquiring friends. I have much more to write but as it has got to be very late in the evening now I must finish.

My address, Colonel, Richfield township, Medina County, State of Ohio.

This is from your sincere friend and brother.

Frederic A. Sprague.

P.S. I have long been wanting to get some grape seed, some of the white sweet kind such as they have in the Gardens in Boston. There is none in this country and if when they are ripe you will take the trouble to get some of the seed and send them in a letter to me you will very much oblige and I will endeavor to satisfy you for your trouble.

F. A. S.

Richfield, Dec. 1st, 1825.

Dear Brother

I received yours of Aug. 24th, 1824, in a few weeks after. I am glad to hear that your family enjoys good health but am very sorry to hear that you do not enjoy good health yourself. I should have wrote to you some time since but as I mentioned to you when I wrote to you last that I thought I should come to Boston when the Canal was finished through New York and that has been my calculation till of late which has been the cause of my not writing before but since that time there has been an act passed by this state to build a canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio River about 60 miles. They are now at work and will have finished next summer. It passes within a short distance of my house. When this is finished I can go to old Boston all the way by water.

The season here has been very remarkable. We did not get any frost here till nearly the first of Nov. Since that time it has been very warm and dry. The weather now appears like May.

Our crops came in this fall remarkably well. 60 miles south of me corn can be bought for five cents per bushel any quantity and wheat for 25 cents pr. bushel. Above 10,000 hogs have passed by my house from the south within a few days for the lake where they will be put up for the New York and Montreal markets. I raised about one thousand bushels of wheat this year. I am married and have three fine Ohio boys and am doing middling well. I make a comfortable living. . . . .

I received a letter from Susan the same day that I received yours. When I received them I was about 10 miles from home at a Brigade Muster. My pay master handed it to me just as I was going on parade. I have since that received a letter from Peter. I was very glad to hear from them and to hear they were well. I hope if my life is spared that I shall before long see you all again. I long to see you all.

I have wrote this in a great hurry as there is a gentleman now in town, going to start in a few hours for Boston, I shall see him before he goes. He is a going to stay in Boston about one year and I expect he will put up at Brighams, No. 42 Hanover street. I shall see him before he starts and perhaps send another line by him. His name is Brown, Esq. His father lives about 10 miles from me.

When John Harnden left the lines for home, I gave him a power of attorney to settle my affairs in Malden and if there was any my due to collect the same. As I have not heard from him this ten years nearly, I think there must be some my due. I think I shall send by Mr. Brown to settle with him. Should he undertake it I wish you would lend him any assistance that is in your power. In haste

I remain your friend and brother

Frederic A. Sprague

Richfield, Dec. 2, 1825.

Dear Brother:

I send this by Solomon Brown, Esq. I expect he will go to Malden and settle with John Harnden as I gave him a power of attorney to settle my affairs with Uncle Phineas and to sell a piece of land which I understood Grandfather Sprague left me. I have never received any returns from him. I expect he will

call on you. I wish you would give him all the information you can on the subject. In haste

I remain your friend and brother

Frederic A. Sprague.

To John Sprague
Malden

Richfield, Medina County, Ohio.
March 18th 1838.

Dear Brother:

It is a number of years since I have had a line from you and am very anxious to hear from you and hope that when you receive this you will not neglect to write to me soon. I do hope that I shall hear that you and your family are well. Myself and family are well as usual. My health is not very good, nor has not been for a number of years, but I am able to attend to my business.

I raised on my farm last year about fifteen hundred bushels of grain mostly wheat, salted a number of tons of pork and sawed in my mills about 500,000 feet of lumber.

We have six children living, five boys and one girl: Frederic A., Romeo, Joseph, John, Susannah J., Peter. We have lost two children Isaac and Susannah. My oldest boy is 16 years old, my youngest 2.

I have considerable property here and I am considerably in debt but if the times should improve I shall get along without any difficulty. Money here is very scarce at present.

I want you to write to me what the prospect is that cattle will be worth with you in June or July — say four years old — three years old, five, six and seven years old cattle. Write to me if you can get any man or men to take 100 head or more.

If I should drive them to you in June or July, the cattle will be good store cattle, would be probably too fat for work. I should like to put up a large quantity of pork, lard and beef next fall for the eastern market. If you can make contracts with any persons for it at a fair price. I only wish you to enquire to see what can be done and perhaps you may be able to help me and I may be to help you. I would buy the pork and put it up and deliver it in Cleaveland or Boston for so much a barrel. Or I will buy it for them and put it up in barrels and deliver where

they shall direct, they paying me for my trouble so much pr. barrel, as we should agree. I can get the best men in this country to secure the performance on my part.

I wish you to make all the enquiries in Boston and about in the adjourning towns and when you write inform me of the result. We have had a very cold February and the weather still continues cold.

I received a letter from Peter about 1st of Jany — all well. I want you to tell Susannah that I have not forgotten her and that I hope to see her once more before we quit these mortal shores. I wish she would write to me and inform me what business her husband follows. Perhaps I could get a good situation for him here, if he should be willing to come. We have some advantages here over the eastern Citys.

Wood costs nothing here only to cut it. Provisions are low; flour five or six dollars a barrel; pork fresh from four to six dollars per hundred. The distance grows short from here to Boston since we have so many steam boats on the lake and the Erie Canal. I hope I shall see you and some or all of your family here next summer. There is a good stand for a store here and if you have a son you want to set up in business I think he might do well here.

Farewell for the present but I hope we shall see each other this side the grave, but if not I hope we shall be so prepared and so live that at last we shall be found on the right hand of God.

Frederic A. Sprague.

I should like to know if 2000 dollars could be loaned in your part of the country at a fair interest, secured by unincumbered real estate to double the amount & bond. If I should drive cattle to the East, I should want more money than I can raise in this country. The banks here will not discount one cent.

F. A. Sprague.

Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.
Jany 20th 1841.

Dear Brother: —

I now take pen in hand to inform you that I and my family are all well. I have just got through with my official duties as appraizer of Real Estate for the State of Ohio, in which I have

been engaged about eight months. I have always been talking of going to old Malden to see my friends, but have never got started. I often think of you and Peter and Susannah and still am in hopes that I shall see you all once more before I quit this mortal shore, but how soon, God only knows. I do hope that you will be able to come and see me.

We have eight children living, seven boys and one girl. We have lost two, a boy and girl. We still live on the old place. The name of the county, you will notice, is changed from Medina to Summit. I was very much pleased with your sending me a few newspapers. I hope you will continue to send me more. I have sent you some papers and I intend to send you more.

Every thing that the farmers raise here is low and money scarce. Wheat is selling here for fifty six cents pr. bushel. Beef two dollars pr cwt. and other things in proportion.

The election is over and Harrison is elected but he was not my choice. I hope however that the change will be for the best.

We have had about ten days of good sleighing here this winter. It is not common for us to have more than two or three weeks sleighing here in the course of the winter and several winters since I have been here there has not been snow enough to go to the county seat (12 miles) with a sleigh.

I hope you will write to me soon. I want to hear from you. Remember me to Peter and Susannah. Tell them I want to hear from them and that I hope they will write me and if possible come and see me.

No more at present except that I still remain your

Affectionate Brother

Frederic A. Sprague.

Eagle, Milwaukee County, Wiskonsin Territory,
Dec. 4, 1842.

Dear Brother:

Yours of Nov. 6, 1841, was received in a few days after it was wrote and ought to have been answered long before this. I have been agoing to answer it almost every week since but have never got about it till now.

The morning I received your letter my dwelling house with most of its contents were destroyed by fire which was a very

serious loss to me. The house was 30 by 36, two stories high, built of stone and finished the best of any house in the county. It cost me about 3,000 dollars. I was very much in debt at that time, owing about 10,000 dollars. I had a great deal of property in my hands which was bought in the hight of the land speculation, had built mills and made large improvements. At that time people began to want their pay. Property had fallen in value more than one half and still agoing down.

I found that if I did not settle soon that I should have nothing left so I went to work, sold all my lands at a loss of about 6,000 dollars, paid every man every cent I owed and with the balance started for a new home. It seemed to me that there never was a man had more trouble than I, but it will all work together for good for God reigns and as Job says "though he slay me yet will I trust in him."

About the first of May I and my oldest son, with a first rate pair of horses and buggy started for the far West to find a better home. We traveled about 1500 miles by land and after exploring a large tract of country finally [settled] on Eagle prairie. We then returned to Richfield where after a few days preparation we started with five horses, two two horse wagons and a buggy for this place where we arrived on the 11th day of July. I bought 200 acres for five dollars per acre. There was sixty acres under improvement and 20 into crops. I had 50 bushels of wheat, 200 bushels of oats besides corn, &c. This was one quarter of the crop. I went to work and broke up and put 30 acres into wheat by the first of Sept which looks well.

I have built me a good frame house 18 x 24, one and one half stories high, four rooms on the floor and finished it off inside and out, have dug and stoned me a well, 20 feet deep and ploughed 30 acres for spring crops and are now drawing 10,000 rails to finish fencing my farm — all of this besides teaming for other people to the amount of about fifty dollars has been done by me and my boys since the 11 day of July.

I have not paid for my farm yet but if I receive my money due me in Ohio I shall pay for my farm and put 100 acres into wheat next year and 60 acres into other crops. My farm is well watered and has about 160 acres that there is not a bush or stump nor stone on, level and smooth and every foot is as rich as the

richest garden there is in Massachusetts. It is very healthy here. There has not been a case of fever of any kind on this prairie since its first settlement. There has been no sickness here since I came here and the inhabitants indeed seem to know nothing about sickness.

The prairie on which I live is a complete flower garden every week and almost every day from the first of March to the first of October. There is a new kind of flower coming forth; sometimes the prairie is a beautiful blue, sometimes pink, sometimes yellow and sometimes white with flowers almost all of which are new to me. There is a plenty of government land to be sold here for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, but will all soon be in secured hands. Never was there a country settling faster than this. From 200 to 300 emigrants arrive daily at Milwaukee, most of which settle in this part of the country, some from most every State and most every part of the world. 500 Norwegians from Norway have arrived since I came here and settled within 15 miles of me, and large numbers from Nova Scotia; 500 families are expected here in the Spring from England. Gold and silver are as plenty here as I ever saw bank bills in Ohio.

I think you would do well to come here. I have to go six miles to get my shoes mended. Cow-hide boots are 4 dollars a pair. For 800 dollars you can get you a farm a mile square, the best land you ever saw which you have nothing to do but fence and plough and sow. Four dollars per acre will fence and plough fit for sowing. The first crop will pay for ploughing and fencing and for the land and all expenses. I am about 30 miles southwest from Milwaukee. Good land can be bought now within 5 miles of here at government prices but good chances will soon be over. If you come you had better come soon. Take the railroad to Buffalo and from Buffalo you will come here by steam in 3 or 4 days.

We have 9 children 7 boys and two girls living. We have lost one boy and one girl in Ohio.

In your last letter you did not write anything about Susan. I am very anxious to hear from her. I have wrote two or three letters to her since I received any from her, I am afraid she has forgot me. If you see her tell her. I want to see her and she must write to me. Tell her where to direct her letters. I was

glad to hear brother John was well but very sorry to hear that his wife was unwell.

I hope the next time I hear from her to hear of her recovery, was glad to hear that you and your family were well. You will direct your letters to Eagle, Milwaukee County, Wiskoncin Territory (to be left at Mukwonago, post office). I hope when you get this letter that you will not be so long answering it as I have been answering yours.

We have a plenty of fish within ¾ of a mile. I and one of my boys caught 60 pounds in less than two hours, weighing from five to eleven pounds apiece. Our boys have killed a plenty of deer, partridges, prairie hens, wild geese, wild ducks and sand hill cranes — a kind of bird from five to six feet high and caught 12 of the largest coons I ever saw, some of them weighing about 30 pounds. I have a great deal more to write but have only room to say that I still remain your affectionate brother

Frederic A. Sprague

To Peter T. Sprague
Greenfield, Mass.

P. S. You wrote me in your letter you was for old Tip. You said you thought there ought to be a change. We have had the change, please write me how you like it. I was for Martin Van Buren. I was always a democrat and expect to die a democrat. They used to say Go it Tip and come it Tyler. Tip has gone and Tyler wont come.

60 JONATHAN[8] SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 16 Mar., 1784; died at Cambridgeport, 19 Apr., 1872, a. 88 y., 1 m., 3 d. He married (1) at Malden, 9 July, 1805, HANNAH BARRETT, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (——) Barrett, born at Malden, 13 May, 1786; died there, 28 Sept., 1811, aged 25 years. He married (2) in Boston, 28 Jan., 1813, SUSAN GREELEY, daughter

of Jonathan and Susanna (Copeland) Greeley of Boston. She died at Stoneham, 29 Mar., 1867, aged 83 years. Her death certificate states that she was born in Roxbury.

Children by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Rebecca,[9] b. ——, 1806.
ii. Lucinda, b. 12 Feb., 1807, in Boston; m. 11 Dec., 1825, John Townsend Lamson. She d. at Bridgewater, 21 Feb., 1846. Six children.
iii. Eliza, b. 27 Sept., 1811; m. John Augustus Sassard of Bordeaux, France. She d. at Cambridge, 27 Sept., 1895.

Children by second wife, born at St. Johnsbury, Vt.:

iv. John, b. 8 Feb., 1816; d. at Stoneham, 12 Apr., 1868, a. 51 y., 2 m., 6 d. He married.
v. Daniel Lynde, b. 30 Dec., 1818.
vi. Nancy, m. — July, 1840, Charles Richardson of Amherst, N. H. She d. — Feb., 1845. One son.
vii. Susan, d. unm.
viii. Daughter, d. in infancy.

61 SAMUEL[8] SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 5 Feb., 1793; died at Melrose, 3 Dec., 1861, a. 68 y. He married at Malden, 29 Mar., 1818, CHARLOTTE GREEN, daughter of Phineas and Mehitable (Hart) Green. She was born at Lynnfield, 8 Feb., 1799; died at Melrose, 27 Jan., 1874, a. 75. Both are buried in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Charlotte,[9] b. 14 May, 1819.
ii. Susan Ann, b. 3 Mar., 1823; m. Gilbert Waldron.
iii. George Pickering, b. 27 June, 1826.
iv. Mary, b. 2 Oct., 1830; d. 20 Sept., 1832, a. 1 y., 11 m., 18 d.
v. Mary Y., b. 13 Mar., 1834; m. Charles H. Upham.
66 vi. Samuel, b. 19 June, 1835.

62 HENRY[9] SPRAGUE (*Capt. Phineas*,[8] *Phineas*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 14 Jan., 1807; died at Saugus. He married at Malden, 3 July, 1834, HARRIET CAPEN of Saugus. She was daughter of David and Lucy (Mansfield) Capen and born at Saugus, 27 July, 1815; died there 24 Aug., 1839, in her 24th year.

Child, born at Saugus:

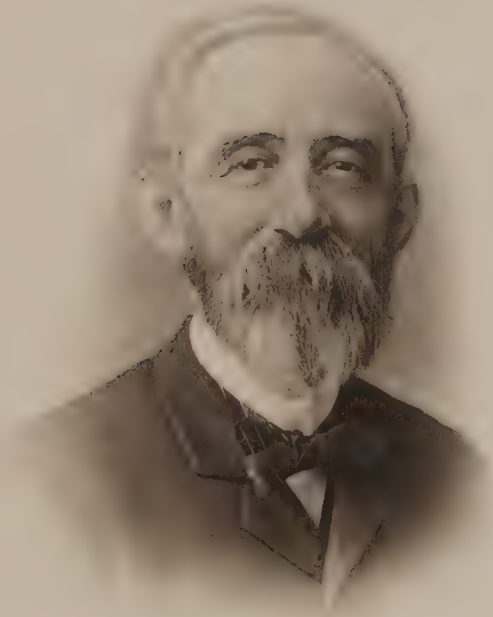
i. Charles Henry,[10] b. 9 July, 1839.

63 SUSAN FOWLE[9] SPRAGUE (*John*,[8] *Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 29 Dec., 1818; died on the Fall River boat off Point Judith, 13 June, 1871, aged 52 y., 5 m., 16 d. She married at Malden, 24 July, 1839, HENRY HASTINGS HYDE, son of James and Hepsibah (Hastings) Hyde. He was born at Medford, 14 Jan., 1812, and died at Malden, 19 Dec., 1888. They were married by Rev. John G. Adams, minister of the First Parish and celebrated their silver wedding at Malden, 24 July, 1864. The letter written by Mr. Adams on the occasion is a treasured heirloom.

Child, born at Malden:

67 i. Charles Henry,[10] b. 14 May, 1855.

Henry Hastings Hyde (1812-1888) removed from Medford to Malden about 1833. For a time he was a painter. He then entered the government service in the Custom House in Boston.



Later in life he was identified with transportation with the Boston & Maine Railroad and finally with the Kennebec Steamship Company with which he was connected for twenty-seven years. He was one of the earliest members of Mount Vernon Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Malden and a Past Grand of Middlesex Lodge No. 17, I.O.O.F. He served the town of Malden as selectman 1860-1862 and 1872-1873. In the days of the Civil War he was a member of the committee on Military Funds, 1861 and 1862. He also served as constable 1865-1869. As a trustee of the Malden Cemeteries he served from 1863 to 1879 inclusive.

64 PHINEAS[9] SPRAGUE (*John*,[8] *Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 23 Jan., 1823; died there, 14 Sept., 1887. He married at Spencer, 9 May, 1850, FRANCES JANE GROUT, daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (Nye) Grout of Spencer. She was born at Spencer, 15 Feb., 1827; died at Malden, 21 July, 1898, aged 71.

Children, born at Malden:

68 i. John, b. 11 Jan., 1852.
ii. Charles Stanhope, b. 29 May, 1853; d. 7 Mar., 1860, a. 6 y., 9 m.
iii. Ella Bush, b. 28 June, 1854; d. 10 Sept., 1855, a. 1 y., 2 m.

Phineas Sprague (1823-1887) was long a prominent man in Malden. He served as clerk of the First Parish, 1848 to 1856,—a period of nine con-

secutive years and his beautiful handwriting stands on the Parish records as a witness of his fidelity and loyality to the Parish.

At the age of sixteen he entered the employ of James C. Richardson as a clerk in a dry-goods store. In 1845 he bought out the dry-goods store of Mrs. Estes, located in what is now Central Square, Malden. Here he continued until the New Town House was built in 1857. He then moved into the Town House where he kept for a period of years the largest dry-goods store in the Town of Malden.

During his life Mr. Sprague filled several important offices in the town. In 1852 he was elected Town Treasurer and held this office for many years. He represented the town in the General Court in 1858 and 1859. For fifteen years he was a member of the Board of Assessors, most the time being its chairman. He was a Selectman in 1870 and held the office of Water Registrar from 1874 to 1887. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle and a charter member of the old Middlesex Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F. His monument stands in Salem street Cemetery near where he long lived a useful life.

He made his will, 9 July, 1874, in which he mentions his sister Abigail N. Emerson, Charles H. Sprague and John Sprague. His widow Frances J. Sprague assented to the petition of the executors, 1 Nov., 1887. (Middlesex Probate, 22,905.)

65 CHARLES HILL[9] SPRAGUE (*John*,[8] *Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 29 Apr., 1827; died there, 29 June, 1904. He married at Malden, 2 Nov., 1858, EMELINE MARTHA WINSHIP, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Williams (Pollard) Winship of Boston and Malden. She was born in Boston, 23 Aug., 1835; died at her summer home, Cape Elizabeth, Me., 13 June, 1921.

Children, born at Malden:

69 i. Phineas Warren,[10] b. 4 Aug., 1860.
ii. Elizabeth Winship, b. 7 July, 1867; d. 10 Jan., 1874, a. 6 y., 6 m., 2 d.

Charles Hill Sprague (1827-1904) was born in the old Sprague homestead which stood on the corner of Salem and Sprague streets in Malden. The Central Fire Station now occupies the site of his birthplace. The old homestead was removed in 1875 to its present site near the head of Sprague street.

His early training was received in the public schools of Malden in the Central District, at the Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham and a Scientific School in Springfield. (There was no High School in Malden in his boyhood days.)

At the age of twenty-one he entered the scientific department of Harvard University (later named by the Corporation the Lawrence Scientific School in honor of its leading benefactor, Abbott Lawrence) and completed the full course of study required at that time. The Corporation

did not vote to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science until 1851 and those who completed the course earlier, including Mr. Sprague, are not listed in the Quinquennial Catalogue of the University among the graduates.

The separation of the scientific department from the College of Liberal Arts was projected by the President, Edward Everett, in his inaugural address, 30 Apr., 1846, but it was five years later before the department was fully established in accordance with the wishes of the donor as the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University.

Mr. Sprague was one of the first of his immediate branch of the family to obtain a liberal education. The next year after completing the course at Harvard, in his twenty-fourth year, he was appointed a member of the editorial staff of the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac, to make astronomical calculations concerning the moon's rays and the fixed stars. His appointment was made through the Naval Department in Washington. He was a computer for the government from 1850 to 1864 and was intimately associated with many eminent men of that period. Benjamin Pierce, Ernest Schubert, Joseph Winlock, John D. Runkle, Nathan Loomis, Benjamin Apthorp Gould and Maria Mitchell were associate members of the editorial staff of the Ephemeris and Almanac with Mr. Sprague in 1852. Some of his original mathematical computations are still preserved and his interest in practical astronomy remained through his whole life. For fifty years,

1853 to 1904, he was an esteemed member of the American Scientific Association.

In 1864 he accepted a position with the Lake Superior Copper Mining Co. and remained with it until 1869. He then became North American Agent for the Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. Co. for a number of years and spent twelve years in travel both in America and in Europe. In politics Mr. Sprague was a Republican. He represented his ward in the Common Council of the first City Government, organized in Malden in 1882, and served again in 1883. A mason of the Thirty-second degree, he was at the time of his death one of the oldest members of Mount Vernon Lodge of Malden. He was a member of the First Parish Church and of the Men's Club connected therewith. He was also a member of the Old Planters' Society of Massachusetts.

About 1875 Mr. Sprague became interested in the coal business. Founding the firm of Charles H. Sprague he developed a very large and successful business in Boston. He later extended his interests to shipping in connection with the transportation of coal, and as his son reached maturity, in 1882 took him into partnership under the name of Charles H. Sprague & Son, the firm being located over 40 years at 70 Kilby Street, Boston. In this business Mr. Sprague, by reason of his many friends and his skill as a merchant, accumulated a considerable fortune. The business is at the present time carried on by his son, Phineas W., and a more extended account of it will be found under the biography below.

Mr. Sprague was a man who formed strong friendships. He often said, "Life is a gift from God, to be used in a manly or womanly way," and because of his belief in such ethics, he had a host of friends. His death was deeply and sincerely deplored by all, especially the wholesale coal merchants of Boston, who under the name of the Coal Club of Boston and vicinity issued the following:

"Resolved:

That by the death of Charles H. Sprague, the Coal Club of Boston and Vicinity has met a great loss, and the members individually will miss his cheerful and generous friendship.

He was a straight forward successful business man, long associated with the coal trade and large manufacturers of New England.

His intimate friends and neighbors in the City of Malden feel a deep sense of personal loss in the strong friendship which has been broken and mourn with us.

His was an honest, upright and faithful life, well lived.

Eugene Nelson,
Elmore E. Locke,
C. Morris Tredick,
Committee."

On the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Sprague, the father of Charles Hill Sprague, in 1881, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague gathered a family party of old and young

at their home. Each aged person was asked to relate some reminiscence of the life of the hero of the hour, and as many incidents of his wit and humor were recalled the halls of the Sprague homestead rang with laughter. Other stories brought silence as they related to incidents which were precious to memory. Each grandchild was given a picture of the patriarch, seated in his large sleigh. The old sleigh is still in possession of a grandson and has been seen in recent years on a bright winter day on the boulevard.

The memorial cards distributed on the occasion of this anniversary represented immortality — the butterfly; and in the morning of the festivities a beautiful butterfly, with gorgeous blue, was found between the double windows that protected the assembly room from the wintry blasts. A venerable aunt was made happy in considering the incident an omen of good will and of the presence in the spirit of the patriarch John Sprague.

CHARLES HILL SPRAGUE'S LETTER TO HIS FATHER.

Wilbraham, Feb. 17th, 1846.

Dear Father:

Perhaps you had better read this over to yourself before you let the folks see it, if you let them see it at all, as it is concerning the business that I am to follow through life. The reasons for my writing the above are these — Whatever my occupation may be it is soon enough for others, than you and myself, to know my intentions when these intentions are put in force, for it can do them no good to know them before. And then again I am one of that class of individuals who, when they undertake anything, no matter what, and fail in that undertaking, don't like to have

our fellow mortals know it. Whatever business I may search for I shall endeavor not to let every one know what it is until I find it. I wrote in my last letter to Abby that I was homesick. I have been in a hornet's nest for some time thinking about what I am to do, and to have a talk with you was why I wished to come home some Saturday. I received your letter of the 13th on Friday and found on reading it that it would be necessary for me to write or give up the thought at the outset, of being anything but a common laborer.

All have to fight their way through life; the battle goes hard or easy, according to the armor with which the warriors are possessed; he that is provided with a good shield, and a trusty weapon, with which to clear a path for himself, will pass along easily, but he that has nothing with which to defend himself, but his naked arms, will have to struggle desperately all the while or sink. I have this battle to fight; now the question is, — Shall I be one to pass along through life independently (I mean by that easily so as to enjoy it) to knuckle, twist and slip through, or struggle and live like a dog? Not the last certainly; I trust that I have already provided myself with such armor as will enable me to stand the shocks, and pass through life in some respectable shape. But with one thing more which will serve as a shield and a sword I can cut my way through easily. That desirable can be obtained nowhere but at the "Scientific School at Cambridge." There I have got over the biggest stump, and now I reckon you begin to get the idea. But why not to the point there can be no harm in my expressing my wishes. When I was over to Cambridge last Fall, Joseph and I got to talking about the "Scientific School." I learned as near as I could, what the character of it was, and from that time have had a desire to enter it, to study *Engineering*; as I think I like Mathematics, and can, in the course of half an hour, get out as many propositions in Geometry as the generality of boys. This "Scientific School" possesses advantages over all others from various considerations. Not in all, but in many Colleges, they have what they call a "scientific course" of study which can be taken if the scholars desire, and which embraces all the studies of the Institution except Latin and Greek. But the one at Cambridge is a separate organization entirely and is founded with such a fund that they

can pursue scientific studies much farther than at any College. If I should enter there next Fall I would graduate when Joseph does and have more of the Scientific studies than he, and be better off, in my way of thinking; for all that I shall be minus on will be musty old Latin and Greek, and what are they good for; *nothing*! The studies which are to be pursued in the Scientific School are calculated for immediate service, and from which one can get a good living at any time. The fact is, I can gain more information that will be of real service in 3 years there than can be acquired in moping over my old Latin and Greek to all eternity. Now I can come home and go into a store or go to sticking type and get just enough to feed and clothe myself. But some dozen years must elapse before I could get enough even to commence business and I don't like the idea of being imprisoned in the confines of an old store 20 of the best years of my life and then after having laid up a few hundred dollars, die. In some dozen years as I said I could gather together a thousand dollars, perhaps; well, if I had that thousand dollars now, in 3 years I could get a business that in 4 would bring me in from 3 to 4 to 5 dollars a day. I must draw this to a close for it is most noon and this must go today or you will not receive it on Saturday. I would like to write more, but if there is any hope we can talk it over when I come home. *All I hope is I may be able to go. If there is any way in the world, on any conditions whatever*, let me know. As I said before you will get this on Saturday probably. I should like an answer as soon as convenient, on Sunday if you can because I want to know if I am coming next term for one or two reasons, one is — if I am not coming back I ought to know it 2 or 3 weeks before I leave so that I can make all necessary arrangements and be looking to the future; another reason my chum must get another chum, if I don't come; there is a fellow who wants to come in with him, but he don't want him if he can have me, but if not me he would rather him than any other one. So if I come home without the intention of coming back and do come back I will lose my chum and room both, but if I know that I am to return I shall lose neither chum nor room. Chum wants to know now whether I am to return or not for the fellow who wishes to room with him if there is any doubt in the matter, and then if I don't return, Chum will lose him as well as

myself and have to take any one that comes along. I said something about not showing this to the folks. It won't make any difference that I know of if you do so you can let them see it if you like. Excuse the writing as it was done in a hurry.

Yours truly,
Charles.

P. S. Perhaps you may wish to know more about the school than what I have written, the expense and many other things. If so I will endeavor to write more fully next time.

C.

University at Cambridge, Dec. 12, 1847.

Cousin Charlie

I suppose by this time you are expecting a letter from me: so here it is. I saw the President, some days since and asked about the Engineering department — when it would go into operation, what would be the qualifications necessary to enter, and last, but not least, the expense. In answer to the first enquiry the President said, that the Corporation had not yet decided whom to invite to take charge of that department, but they were in hopes to get it in operation some time next spring. In regard to the other questions he stated that he could give me no more information than is found in the Catalogues, but, I think he said, they would be made known as early as possible. I believe you have got a catalogue, and of course that will tell you all I know about it. I suppose, they will require a *good* knowledge of common mathematics, such as Arithmetic, Algebra and, Geometry. And I would advise (!) you to become familiar with these, particularly Geometry, for the principles of Engineering, if I am correct, are taken principally, if not wholly from Geometry. I cannot write more now as I am somewhat hurried and lazy. More anon. Please write. I send you the latest edition of P. T. Sprague's advertisements: it is 'some' tall I think: what do you say?

Jos. H. Sprague.

The writer Joseph Hussey Sprague was a son of Peter Thacher Sprague, a half brother to John Sprague. He graduated from Harvard University

in 1851, and was a noted actuary and mayor of Hartford, Conn.

Steward's Office, Cambridge, Sept. 4, 1848

Mr. Charles H. Sprague has complied with the law respecting admission to the Scientific School.

(Signed) W. G. Stearns { Steward of Harv. Coll.

Cambridge, June 27, 1850.

Sir:

By virtue of authority from the Hon. Wm. Ballard Preston, Secretary of the Navy, I appoint you a computer in the preparation of the Nautical Almanac from the 1st inst.

Your compensation is fixed at twenty five dollars pr. month at present, but, acknowledging the valuable services you have rendered voluntarily before the date of this appointment, I shall ask the permission of the Hon. Secretary to increase your compensation as soon as the appropriation bill is approved.

Yours respectfully,
and truly,

Charles Henry Davis,
Lieut. Supt. Naut. Alm.

Charles H. Sprague, Esq.,
Cambridge,
Mass.

Cambridge, Oct. 18, 1850.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to inform you, that by estimates approved by the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, I am authorized to increase your salary to six hundred dollars commencing from the 1st of this month.

Very respectfully
your ob't. serv't,

Charles Henry Davis,
Supt. Naut. Alm.

Charles H. Sprague, Esq.,
Assistant Naut. Alm.,
Cambridge,
Mass.

Emeline Martha Winship (1835–1921), wife of Charles Hill Sprague, was born in Boston at what was 52 Belknap street. Her early education was obtained in the city schools of Boston. In 1846, with her father's family, she removed to the town of Berlin in Worcester County. Soon she entered that famous old time institution known as the Berlin Academy or Academical Boarding School and came under the instruction of Josiah Bride and his able assistant. The patrons came from nearly every State in the Union and were young people from families of culture who "came with a desire to learn." Her advantages in this famous old institution long since supplanted by a modern High School were great. In 1857 her father removed from Berlin to Malden and she soon became identified with the institutions of the town of her adoption.

Her father Stephen Winship served in Capt. Samuel Howe's Co. of Lt. Col. Amos Binney's Regiment at Boston from 12 Sept. to 10 Oct., 1814, and at the close of the Second War with Great Britain established himself in business in Boston. He was located at 65 Faneuil Hall Market from 1825 to 1846. His family were members of the Second Universalist Church of Boston. On 12 Aug., 1864, Mrs. Sprague united with the First Parish of Malden and her mother Mrs. Elizabeth Winship was admitted by letter from Dr. Alonzo A. Miner, then minister of the Second Universalist Church of Boston. From that time to the end of her life Mrs. Sprague was deeply devoted to the First Parish of Malden. On 10

Nov., 1894, she and her husband became incorporators of the Parish.

Mrs. Sprague was active in many charitable organizations. A member of the committee to select a site for the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts and was actively interested in it for many years; also on a committee in aid of a fund for building the Home for Intemperate Women in Boston, served on the building committee of the Malden Hospital and on a similar committee for the New Century Building of Boston.

She held membership in the New England Woman's Club, Julia Ward Howe, president, in the Charity Club, the Wednesday Morning Club, the Business League, the Old and New of Malden, the Industrial Aid Society of Malden, the Bostonian Society, the Civil Service Reform Auxiliary of Boston, the Malden Historical Society and a founder of the Deliverance Munroe Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution of Malden, which Chapter was named in honor of her paternal grandmother Deliverance (Munroe) Winship of Lexington, who was a niece of Capt. John Parker, commander of the minute-men of Lexington on the memorable 19th of April, 1775.

Her addresses which she delivered before many clubs contain beautiful expressions of her reverence for the heritage that is ours. She did much to cultivate the spirit which prompted the citizens to acquire and preserve the historic Bell Rock Park of Malden.

Mrs. Sprague delivered several addresses on her visit to Europe, speaking on her visit to London in

1892 and a Memory of the Nile. She represented Malden in the Mother's Congress held in Washington, D. C., 25 Apr. to 2 May, 1911. The Spirit of the Congress of Mothers was a favorite theme; she also contributed valuable Reminiscences of the First Parish Sunday School from the time of Rev. John G. Adams to the time of Hon. Marcellus Coggan.

In 1909 the new First Parish Church was erected at the junction of Elm and Pleasant streets in Malden, and Mrs. Sprague gave a beautiful window in memory of her mother Elizabeth Williams (Pollard) Winship (1793-1877) and of her late husband's mother Sally (Hill) Sprague (1784-1867). The window was placed in the south transept of the church, near the altar.

66 Corp. SAMUEL[9] SPRAGUE (*Samuel*,[8] *Jonathan*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden (now Melrose), 19 June, 1835; died at Melrose, 14 Jan., 1917, a. 81 y., 6 m., 26 d. He married at Reading, 17 Apr., 1857, FANNIE LARRABEE, daughter of John and Mary (Vinton) Larrabee. She was born at Malden, 7 Nov., 1840; died at Melrose, 28 Aug., 1915, a. 74 y., 9 m., 21 d.

He served in the Civil War and lost a leg at the battle of Antietam, 17 Sept., 1862. He enlisted in Co. A, 12th Mass. Regt. for three years. (Goss's History of Melrose, 84, 243.)

Child, born at Melrose:

70 i. Charles Lannon,[10] b. 31 Mar., 1858.

67 CHARLES HENRY[10] HYDE (*Susan Fowle*,[9] *John*,[8] *Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 14 May, 1855. He married at Woburn, 25 Dec., 1877, GERTRUDE ISABEL FLETCHER, daughter of Bernard and Lydia Susan (Horne) Fletcher. She was born at Woburn, 2 Dec., 1857, and died at Popham Beach, Phippsburg, Me., 12 July, 1914. Mrs. Hyde was a descendant of William Horne of Dover, N. H., who was killed by the Indians in their assault on Cochecho, 27 June, 1689.

Children, born at Malden:

i. Susan Callender[11] Hyde, b. 25 Apr., 1880; d. 14 Aug., 1883.

ii. Fletcher Sprague Hyde, b. 8 Apr., 1889; m. in Rennes, France, 1 July, 1919, Georgette Marie Gerard-Varet, daughter of Louis Gerard-Varet, President of the University of Rennes, and his wife Juliette Costes. Their child, Louis Gerard-Varet Hyde, was b. at Malden, 2 June, 1920. Mr. Hyde is a graduate of Harvard, 1912, A. B., of Boston University Law School, 1914, LL. B. and a post graduate in law of the University of Rennes, 1919. He was a member of the Common Council of Malden, 1916, 1917 and 1921. He was in the Mexican Border service 1916 and Sergeant in 103d U. S. Infantry, A. E. F., in France, 1917–1919.

iii. Stanley Winship Hyde, b. 11 July, 1895; m. in New York, N. Y., 11 Sept., 1920, Corinne Cahill Jackson, daughter of John Stephen and Jennie (Cahill) Jackson of Bath, Me. Mr. Hyde obtained his education in the public schools of Malden, at Amherst Agricultural College, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He saw Mexican Border service and served as Sergeant

in H. Q. Division Field Laboratory, 26th Division in France.

Both sons served in the following major engagements in the World War: Chemin des Dames, Toul Sector, Champagne-Marne Defensive, Aisne-Marne Offensive, St. Mihiel Offensive and Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

Charles Henry Hyde (1855-) is a direct descendant of Dea. Samuel Hyde who settled in Newton about 1640. He was educated in the public schools of Malden. He was Corporal of Co. L, 5th Regiment at the time of its organization in Malden; a member of Mount Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Past Grand of Middlesex Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F.; served on the Republican City Committee, and as warden of Ward 5; elected to the Malden Common Council in 1893, 1894, and a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1895 and 1896. He is a travelling salesman and resides at 70 Tremont street, Malden.

68 JOHN[10] SPRAGUE (*Phineas*,[9] *John*,[8] *Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 11 Jan., 1852. He married there, 28 Aug., 1873, JULIA S. HARMON, daughter of Artemas and Mittie (March) Harmon of Malden. She was born at Madison, N. H., 23 Feb., 1849; died at Malden, 26 Feb., 1889. He married (2) at Malden, 24 Mar., 1892, JOSEPHINE P. DICKEY of Malden. He resides at 19 Sprague street, Malden.

Children by first wife, born at Malden:

i. Phineas,[11] b. 18 May, 1874; d. 23 Oct., 1874, a. 5 m., 2 d.
ii. Alice Ryder, b. 4 Apr., 1877; teacher in the public schools of Medford.

69 PHINEAS WARREN[10] SPRAGUE (*Charles Hill*,[9] *John*,[8] *Dr. John*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Malden, 4 Aug., 1860. He married at Brookline, 17 Oct., 1899, ELIZABETH SUMNER SHAW, daughter of Hon. Edward Payson and Ann (Trott) Shaw of Newburyport. Their summer home is at Prout's Neck, Maine, and they reside in winter at 199 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Children, born at Boston:

i. Phineas Shaw,[11] b. 14 Jan., 1901; student at Harvard University, class of 1924.
ii. Charles Gordon, b. 3 Oct., 1903.
iii. Elizabeth Shaw, b. 13 Mar., 1906.
iv. Sally, b. 3 June, 1910.

Phineas Warren Sprague (1860-) was born in the old Morey house which formerly stood on Mount Vernon street, Malden, and was educated in the public schools there. He graduated from the Centre School under George A. Littlefield, Master, on 1 July, 1876. He then pursued his studies in the Malden High School in the class of 1880 and came under the instruction of Charles A. Daniels. Later he specialized in laboratory work for two years.

In 1882, at the age of twenty-one he entered into partnership with his father under the name of C. H. Sprague & Son, coal merchants, with offices at 70 Kilby street, Boston. Upon the retirement of his father he assumed sole management of the business. He is one of the founders and a director of the Malden Trust Company of Malden, a founder and a director of the New River Coal Company of West Virginia. In 1906 he founded the mining town of Sprague in West Virginia.

Mr. Sprague holds membership in many patriotic and social organizations. The General Society of Colonial Wars elected him a member in right of his descent from Lt. Ralph Sprague (c. 1599-1650) of Charlestown and Malden and some twenty-five other ancestors. He was elected to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution in right of his descent from Sergt. Phineas Sprague (1725-1805) and Dr. John Sprague (1754-1803) of Malden and others. He also holds membership in the Malden Historical Society, the Bostonian Society, the Old Planters Society of Massachusetts and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

He is a member of the Algonquin Club, Exchange Club, Eastern Yacht Club, Cumberland Club of Portland, Dedham Polo and Country Club, The Country Club, Brookline, and Santee Club of South Carolina.

He is a Mason of the 32°, a member of Mount Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Malden, St.

Bernard Commandery, Knights Templars of Massachusetts, and Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. of Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Sprague served on the staff of Gen. Benjamin F. Peach, Jr., in the Second Brigade, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia as Color Sergeant from 1885 to 1888 and as Sergeant from 1888 to 1891.

The Malden Board of Trade selected him as one of the Committee of Ten to prepare for the celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Malden, in May, 1899. He served as secretary of a sub-committee, and in the final organization was a member of the Executive Committee and did much towards making the celebration highly successful.

Mr. Sprague has many distinguished ancestors of the Colonial period.* Lt. RALPH SPRAGUE (c. 1599-1650) one of the founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, is fully described elsewhere. Capt. JOHN SPRAGUE (1624-1692), prominent in the town, the church and the colony, is likewise fully described in this volume. Lt. JAMES FOWLE (1642-1690) of Woburn, served as Lieutenant of the Woburn Company. Capt. JAMES FOWLE (1667-1714) of Woburn, served as Captain of the Woburn Company. JOSEPH FOWLE (1730-1760) of Woburn, was a soldier in the French and Indian Wars at Crown Point in 1755, at Lake George in 1759 and at Louisburg in 1760. JOSEPH RICHARDSON (1643-1718) of Woburn, was in King

* See chart at end of volume for line of descent.

Philip's War in the Great Swamp Fight at Narragansett, 19 Dec., 1675. JOHN GREEN (1650-1709) of Malden, called "John Green of the Hill," was a Corporal in King Philip's War, 1675-6 and Corporal of the Malden Military Company in 1678. ISAAC HILL (1641-1720) of Malden, was a member of the Three County Troop, 1677-1689, and a representative from Malden to the General Court in 1698. ROBERT LONG (1593-1664) of Charlestown, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1639-1664; purchased the "Great House" in Charlestown in 1635, the earliest official residence of Governor Winthrop; and was an ordinary (tavern) keeper, 1635-1664. Sergt. RICHARD HAVEN (1617-1701) of Lynn, was Sergeant in King Philip's War, 1675. WILLIAM BALLARD (1603-1639) of Lynn, member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1638; Deputy to the Quarterly Court of Salem, 1638; Magistrate to end small causes at Lynn and Salem, 1638. NATHANIEL BALLARD (c. 1636-1722) of Lynn, was in King Philip's War, 1675. JONATHAN WHITNEY (1633-1703) of Watertown and Sherburne, served as a soldier in King Philip's War, 1675. SHADRACH HAPGOOD (1642-1675) of Sudbury, was killed at Quaboag (Brookfield) in the engagement with the Indians, 2 Aug., 1675. Capt. JOHN WAITE (1618-1693) of Malden, was Ensign of the Malden Train Band, 1651; Lieutenant, 1654; Captain, 1662-1684; led a detachment to Marlborough, 1675; Deputy from Malden to the General Court, 1666-1684;

and Speaker of House of Deputies, 1684. Capt. Samuel Waite (1680-1740) of Malden, was Captain of the Militia and a representative from Malden to the General Court, 1735-1736. Thomas Lynde (1594-1671) of Malden, was a Deputy to the General Court, 1636, 1637, 1645-1652. Joseph Lynde (1652-1736) of Malden, was a member of the Middlesex County Troops in the Narragansett Campaign, King Philip's War, 1675. Capt. John Floyd (1638-1701) of Rumney Marsh, was Captain of a Company that marched against the Indians, 1690. Lt. John Floyd (1665-1724) of Malden, was Lieutenant of the Military Company. Thomas Croswell (1633-1708) of Charlestown, was a soldier in King Philip's War, 1676. Capt. Joseph Hills (1602-1688) of Malden and Newbury, was Captain of the Malden Military Company; Deputy from Charlestown to the General Court and Speaker of House of Deputies, 1647; Deputy from Malden, 1650-1656, 1660-1664; Deputy from Newbury, 1667, 1669; compiler of "the Lawes and Libertyes" of Massachusetts Bay — the first code of enacted laws in New England, 1648. Lt. Edward Winship (1613-1688) of Cambridge, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1638; Ensign, 1647; Lieutenant, 1663; Deputy from Cambridge to the General Court, 1663-1664, 1681-1686. Samuel Winship (1712-1780) of Lexington, was a Gentleman Trooper in the Governor's Horse Guards under Brig.-Gen. Isaac Royal, 1764. Thomas Cheney (-1693) of Roxbury and

Cambridge, was a soldier in King Philip's War, 1675. Simon Crosby (1637-1726) of Billerica, was in the garrison at Billerica and scouting in King Philip's War; representative from Billerica to the General Court, 1690, 1691, 1697, 1698. Simon Crosby, Jr. (1663-1717) of Billerica, served in the Indian War in 1706. Lt. Simon Crosby (1689-1771) of Billerica, was a Lieutenant at Crown Point and at Lake Champlain in the French and Indian War, 1758, 1759. Capt. Richard Brackett (1611-1691) of Braintree, was Captain of the Braintree Military Company; Deputy from Braintree to the General Court, 1655, 1665, 1667, 1671, 1672, 1674 and 1680; member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1636. Ens. James Kidder (1626-) of Billerica, was Ensign in Capt. Jonathan Danforth's Military Company, 1675, in charge of the Indians at Wamesit, in King Philip's War; his dwelling was used as a Garrison House, 1676. Lt. John Munroe (1666-1753) of Lexington, was Lieutenant at the Indian Fight at Lamprey Eel River, N. H., 1690. Lt. Hananiah Parker (1638-1724) of Reading, Ensign, 1680; Lieutenant, 1684; Deputy from Reading to the General Court, 1683, 1684; Representative, 1695. Lt. Josiah Parker (1694-1756) of Lexington, Lieutenant of the Military Company; Trooper under Capt. John Cutting on the alarm at the approach of the French Fleet, 1746. Nicholas Brown (-1673) of Lynn, was a Deputy from Lynn in 1641. Dea. Gregory Stone (1590-1672) of Cambridge, a Deputy from Cambridge to the

Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1638. Dea. Samuel Stone (1635-1715) of Lexington, was a Trooper under Major Simon Willard against Ninigret in 1654 and Captain of the Lexington Company. John Stone (1663-1713), was Corporal of the Lexington Military Company. William Pollard (1698-) of Lancaster was in Capt. Israel Williams's Company, 1754 and 1755 and in Capt. Thomas Wilder's Company for the Relief of Fort William Henry. John Pollard (1729-1814) of Lancaster, was a sentinel in Capt. Josiah Willard's Company in 1748 and Corporal in Capt. Thomas Wilder's Company for the Relief of Fort William Henry and in the Lake George Expedition in the French and Indian War. Capt. George Brown (1668-1738) of Billerica, was Captain of the Militia, in service against the Indians in King William and Queen Anne's War, Representative from Billerica 1716, 1717, 1721-24 and 1727. Robert Harrington (1616-1707) of Watertown, was in Capt. Hugh Mason's Company, 1652. John Harrington (1651-1741) of Watertown, was in service under Capt. Richard Beers in King Philip's War and twice wounded at Northfield (then called Squakbeag) 1675. John Winter (1634-1690) of Watertown and Lexington, was in Capt. Thomas Henchman's Company, King Philip's War. Thomas Flagg (1616-1698) of Watertown, was in the Train Band until 1681.

Ten ancestors rendered military service in the American Revolution, as follows:

Phineas Sprague (1701-1775) of Malden, in the last year of his life, at the age of seventy-four, marched in Capt. Benjamin Blaney's Company to Watertown on the memorable 19 April, 1775. Sergt. Phineas Sprague (1725-1805) likewise served in the same company with his father on 19 April, 1775. He was at Point Shirley in 1776 and as Sergeant of his company, marched to Rhode Island in 1777. Charles Hill (1756-1804), also of Malden, was a minute-man at Watertown, 1775, served in Capt. Naler Hatch's Malden Company in 1775, was at Point Shirley in 1776 and in Boston in 1778. Dr. John Sprague (1754-1803), also of Malden, was Surgeon's Mate in 1775, and Surgeon, 1778 to 1782; captured and made prisoner by the British and confined in Kinsdale, Ireland, in 1781. Samuel Winship (1712-1780) of Lexington, at the age of sixty-three, responded to the call and served in Capt. John Parker's Company on Lexington Common, on the memorable 19 April, 1775. John Winship (1754-1825) of Lexington, served in Capt. Parker's Company on 19 April, 1775, was Sergeant in Capt. Wood's Company and Ensign in the Continental Army, 1777-1778. Marrett Munroe (1713-1798) of Lexington, suffered damage to his house opposite Lexington Common, by the British, 19 April, 1775, and, although more than sixty years of age, served at Dorchester Heights in 1776. John Pollard (1729-1814) of Lancaster, made a solemn declaration to do no labor to aid anyone who shall not conform strictly to the convenant agreed upon

and signed by the Continental Congress, lately convened in Philadelphia. Sergt. Elisha Crosby (1738-1792) of Shrewsbury, served on the Lexington alarm, 19 April, 1775, was a Sergeant at Bennington in 1777 and marched to Rhode Island in 1778. Samuel Waite (1731-1815) of Malden, was in the Lexington alarm on 19 April, 1775, and in Capt. Stephen Dana's Company at Boston one month in 1778.

70 Charles Lannon[10] Sprague (*Corp. Samuel*,[9] *Samuel*,[8] *Jonathan*,[7] *Sergt. Phineas*,[6] *Phineas*,[5] *Phineas*,[4] *Capt. John*,[3] *Lt. Ralph*,[2] *Edward*[1]) was born at Melrose, 31 Mar., 1858. He married at Melrose or in Boston, 5 Mar., 1885, Laura Etta Hardy, daughter of George Boardman and Olive Jennie (Andrews) Hardy. She was born at Somersworth, N. H., 29 May, 1861, and died at Melrose, 6 Aug., 1916, aged 55 y., 2 m., 8 d. Dr. Sprague graduated from the Boston Dental College in 1881 and is a dentist residing in Boston. He was worshipful master of Wyoming Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Melrose, from 1902 to 1904.

Children, born at Melrose:

i. Charles Frederick,[11] b. 7 Apr., 1888; graduated at the Harvard Dental College, 1911; dentist in Boston. He married Florence Louise Lang, daughter of Charles H. and May Estelle (Pratt) Lang of Melrose. Their children are (a) Dorothy Hilton, b. 10 Feb., 1914. (b) Nancy Hamilton, b. 13 July, 1915. (c) Barbara Lang, b. 14 July, 1918.

ii. Harold Hardy, b. 7 Sept., 1893; graduate of Brown University with the degree Ph. B., 1914. Lieutenant of infantry attached to 76th Division in France in the

World War, 1918. He married at Malden, 28 Feb. 1920, Freda Joslin, daughter of Frederick Nathan and Emma Easthope (Evans) Joslin of Malden. Her mother was a daughter of Henry and Emma (Hudson) Evans, and born at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England. Their child Betsey, b. at Malden, 28 Feb., 1921, one of the youngest members of the Sprague family recorded in this volume.

HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER
THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND
THAT THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

ERRATA

Page 86, third line from top, for John *Skelton* read John *Shelton.*

Page 105, second line from top, for Rev. Benjamin *Blackman* read Rev. Benjamin *Blakeman.*

Page 124, eighteenth line from top, for *Edwd* Trowbridge read *Edmund* Trowbridge.

Page 182, seventeenth line from top, for Lord *London* read Lord *Loudon.*

Page 212, ninth line from bottom, for Elizabeth (*Mellins*) read Elizabeth (*Mellens*).

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D 29 Dec., 1805 Malden
M 6 Dec., 1748
R Malden

Hannah Gould
B 6 Feb., 1727
D 13 May 1770

Phineas Sprague
B 13 Jan., 1700-1 D 13 June, 1775
M 9 Sept., 1723
R Malden
Rebecca Lynde
B 14 July, 1695-6 D 30 Apr., 1788

Lt. Daniel Gould
B 1688 D 8 Mar., 1788
M 26 Dec., 1710 Stoneham
R
Susanna Pearson
B D

Dr. John Sprague
B 13 Jan., 1754
D 21 Oct., 1803

John Sprague
M 2 Jan., 1781 Malden

Joseph Fowle
B 17 June, 1730
D 12 June, 1760
M
R Woburn

Sarah
B
D 19 Oct., 1810 Malden

Samuel Fowle
B 10 June, 1705 D 13 Aug., 1793
M 5 Sept., 1727

Susanna Reed
B 17 Aug., 1707 D 31 May, 1754

Susanna Fowle
B 23 Jan., 1756
D 23 Nov., 1781

B D
M
R
B D

B 7 Nov. 1781
D 10 Oct., 1852

M 11 Nov., 1805 Malden

Isaac Hill
B 30 Mar., 1723-4 Malden
D 22 June 1764 Malden
M 29 Dec., 1743 Malden
R Malden

Moses Hill
B 27 Sept., 1680 D 21 July, 1743
M 1 Dec., 1708
R
Sarah Parker
B D

Charles Hill
B 1 Feb., 1756
D 29 Apr., 1804

Sarah Haven
B 11 Sept., 1719 Framingham
D

Richard Haven
B 1693 D
M 1714
R
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B 1695 D

Sally Hill

M 18 Dec., 1777 Malden

Samuel Waite
B 15 Mar., 1731-2 Malden
D 10 Jan., 1815 Malden
M 21 Feb., 1754 Malden
R Malden

Samuel Waite
B 1709 D 1783
M
R
Eliza Pratt
B 1713 D

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B 29 Apr., 1827
D 29 June, 1904

Mary Goodwin
B 2 Sept., 1733
D 18 Sept., 1778

Edward Goodwin
B 1702 D 1779
M
R
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B 1709 D 1786

Mary Waite
B 8 Dec., 1754
D

B 3 Nov., 1784
D 14 Sept., 1867

M

John Winship
B 12 May, 1754
D 9 Oct., 1822

Stephen Winship

Abigail Crosby
B 5 May, 1717
D

Samuel Winship
B 25 Sept., 1712 Lexington
D 16 Feb., 1780 Lexington
M 5 May 1748
R Lexington

Samuel Winship
B 8 Jan., 1688 D 13 Feb., 1776
M 10 Jan., 1712
R
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B 22 Apr., 1688 D 12 Jan., 1771

Lt. Simon Crosby
B 23 Aug., 1689 D 2 Feb., 1771
M 9 June 1714
R
Abigail Kidder
B 16 Dec., 1694 D 7 Nov., 1748

Emeline Martha Winship
B 23 Aug., 1835

Marrett Munroe
B 6 Dec., 1713 Lexington
D 26 Mar., 1798 Lexington
M 17 Apr., 1737
R Lexington

John Munroe
B 10 Mar., 1666 D 14 Sept., 1753
M
R
Hannah Marrett
B 17 Aug., 1685 D 14 Apr., 1716

Deliverance Munroe
B 22 July, 1755
D 16 Feb., 1838

B 15 July, 1782
D 21 Mar., 1861

Deliverance Parker
B 28 May, 1721 Lexington
D 9 Aug., 1799 Lexington

Lt. Josiah Parker
B 11 Apr., 1694 D 9 Oct., 1756
M 8 Dec., 1718
R
Anna Stone
B 27 Nov., 1699 D

Malden, Mass.

2 Nov., 1858 Malden

B 4 Aug., 1860

John Pollard
B 20 Apr., 1729 Lancaster
D 10 May, 1814 Lancaster
M
R

William Pollard
B 3 Aug., 1698 D
M 23 Nov., 1726
R
Experience Wheeler
B 27 Nov., 1708 D

M 5 Nov., 1815 Boston

D 13 June, 1921

Moses Pollard
B 12 June, 1770
D at sea

Elizabeth Williams
B 5 Dec., 1736 Groton
D

John Williams
B 3 Nov., 1668 D
M
R
B D

M 22 July, 1793 Lancaster

Elizabeth Williams Pollard

Elisha Crosby
B 10 Jan., 1738 Shrewsbury
D
M
R

Samuel Crosby
B 4 Oct., 1698 D 23 Jan., 1749
M 9 Dec., 1729
R
Dorothy Brown
B 1 Jan., 1704 D

B D

Mary Crosby
B 10 Aug., 1769
D

B Oct., 1793
D 9 Mar., 1877

Tabitha Harrington
B 11 Sept., 1737 Waltham
D 1792

Josiah Harrington
B 12 June, 1709 D
M 20 May, 1730
R
Dinah Flagg
B Dec., 1709 D

Phineas Sprague
B 1666 D 1736
M R Malden
Elizabeth Green
B 1673 D 1747

Capt. John Sprague
Lydia Goffe

Ralph Sprague
Edward Goffe

John Green
Mary

James Green

Joseph Lynde
B 1652 D 1735
M R
Elizabeth Tufts
B 1660 D 1733

Thomas Lynde
Elizabeth

Thomas Lynde

Peter Tufts
Mary Pierce

Thomas Pierce

Daniel Gould
B D
M R
Dorcas
B D

John Gould
Joanna

John Pearson
B D
M R
Tabitha Kendall
B D

John Pearson

Capt. James Fowle
B 4 Mar., 1667 D 19 Mar., 1714
M 2 Oct., 1688 Mary Richardson
B 22 Mar., 1668/9 D 23 Oct., 1748 Charlestown

Lt. James Fowle
Abigail Carter

George Fowle

Joseph Richardson
Hannah Green

Samuel Richardson
Thomas Green

Joseph Reed
B D 1740
M R
Phebe
B D

Ralph Reed
Mary Pierce

William Reed
Anthony Pierce

B D
M R
B D

B D
M R
B D

Isaac Hill
B 1641 D 1721
M 1680 R
Sarah Bicknell
B D

Abraham Hill
Sarah Long

Robert Long

Thomas Parker (?)
B D
M R
B D

Jacob Parker

Moses Haven
B 1667 D 1734
M R
Mary Ballard
B D 1747

Richard Haven
Susanna

Nathaniel Ballard
Rebecca Hudson

William Ballard

John Whitney
B D
M R
Mary Hapgood
B D

Jonathan Whitney
Lydia Jones

John Whitney

Shadrach Hapgood

Samuel Waite
B 1680 D 1740
M R
Anna Lynde
B 1688 D

Samuel Waite
Mehitable Bucknam

John Waite
William Bucknam

Joseph Lynde
Elizabeth Tufts

Thomas Lynde
Peter Tufts

Ebenezer Pratt
B D
M 1711 R
Rachel Floyd
B 1690 D 1746

John Pratt
Mary

Richard Pratt

John Floyd
Rachel

John Floyd

John Goodwin
B D
M R
B D

Thomas Harris
B 1686 D
M R
Mary Dowse
B D

Thomas Harris
Hepsibah Crosswell

John Harris
Thomas Crosswell

Samuel Dowse
Faith Jewett

Lawrence Dowse

Samuel Winship
B D
M R
Mary Poulter
B D

Edward Winship
Elizabeth Parks

Lyonel Winship

John Poulter
Rachel Eliot

Francis Eliot

Mary Saunders

Nicholas Fessenden
B D
M R
Margaret Cheney
B D

Thomas Cheney
Jane Atkinson

Simon Crosby
B D
M R
Hannah Shed
B D

Simon Crosby
Rachel Bracket

Simon Crosby
Richard Bracket

Enoch Kidder
B D
M R
Mary Hayward
B D

James Kidder
Hannah Moore

John Kidder
Francis Moore

John Hayward
Rebecca Atkinson

William Munroe
B D
M R
Martha
B D

John Marrett
B D
M R
Abigail Edeson
B D

Thomas Marrett
Susan

John Parker
B D
M R
Deliverance Dodge
B D

Hananiah Parker
Elizabeth Brown

Thomas Parker
Nicholas Brown

Capt. John Stone
B D
M R
Rachel Shepard
B D

Samuel Stone
Sarah Stearns

Gregory Stone
Issac Stearns

Thomas Pollard
B D
M R
Sarah Farmer
B D

William Pollard
Mary Farmer

Edward Farmer
Mary

Josiah Wheeler
B D
M R
Experience
B D

Obadiah Wheeler
Elizabeth White

Obadiah Wheeler

Thomas Williams
B D
M R
Mary Holden
B D

B D
M R
B D

Simon Crosby
B D
M R
Hannah Shed
B D

Simon Crosby
Rachel Bracket

Simon Crosby

George Brown
B D
M R
Sarah Kidder
B D

William Brown
Elizabeth Ruggles

George Ruggles

James Kidder
Anna Moor

John Harrington
B D
M R
Hannah Winter
B D

Robert Harrington
Susanna George

John Winter

Allen Flagg
B D
M R
Sarah Ball
B D

Thomas Flagg
Mary

John Ball
Sarah Bullard

PHINEAS WARREN SPRAGUE